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Sky's the limit for Freedom!

A TALENTED teenager from West Lancashire is hoping the Sky's the limit after landing a leading role in a new TV drama series.

Fourteen-year-old Freedom Doran, from Haskayne is currently featuring in The Five, a 10-part thriller series being screened at 9pm on Fridays on Sky 1.

Written by acclaimed novelist Harlan Coben and filmed in Liverpool, The Five tells the story of friends Danny, Mark, Slade and Pru, who, 20 years before, were looking after one of the group's five-year-old brother, Jesse when he disappeared never to be seen again.

Now in their 30s, the friends have lived with the guilt of what happened ever since but everything changes when Jesse's DNA is found at the scene of a recent murder investigation.

Freedom plays the younger version of main character Danny in flashback scenes, although it's not his first TV role.

The Formby High School pupil has previously featured in a number of promotions and shows for companies including Sky Living, Formula 1 and the Lawn Tennis Association.

Freedom Doran who has landed a leading role in a new drama series on Sky 1

Now he is hoping the role will prove a springboard to more TV work in the future.

He said: "To be a part of The Five is such an honour. All the cast and crew are outstanding and the amount of hard work and determination they put in to produce the show is phenomenal.

"Working with O T Fagbenle, who plays adult Danny, was brilliant. He really made me feel welcome on set which is always a plus."

TRUTH IS OUT

Justice at last for West Lancs victims of Hillsborough disaster after inquest jury return unlawful killing verdict

AFTER 27 years of fighting for the truth, the families of 96 Liverpool FC supporters who died in the Hillsborough disaster finally have justice after a jury ruled the fans were unlawfully killed.

The Warrington inquest ruled yesterday (Tuesday) that Reds supporters were blameless and their behaviour on that fateful day in 1989 did not contribute to the tragedy.

Two people from West Lancashire were among the 96 football fans who died in the 1989 Hillsborough tragedy.

They were: Dave Rimmer, 38, from Skelmersdale, who went to the game in Sheffield with Geoffrey Bridson, who survived.

He was born on September 15, 1950 in Ormskirk and married Linda in 1974. He left two children Paul and Kate.

Linda gave the following statement to the inquest last year: "He was involved with Cub Scouts and used to take Paul to activities. If he hadn't have gone to Hillsborough on April 15, 1989, he would have been with Paul at Cubs football."

Colin Sefton, 23, from Skelmersdale, was also among the 96. Colin, who was a security officer, was a Tottenham supporter and drove his friends and went with them to the game. His friends survived but he did not.

His sister, Julie Fallon, said the following to the inquest: "My brother's life was like a book that had a title, an introduction, described the characters, set the scene and then someone ripped out the rest of the pages.

"An incompleteness that was, for my deceased parents, and continues to be for my own family, the central, longest, most overriding topic of the last 25 years of our lives."

Following two years of evidence, the inquest jury was asked to deliver a verdict on 14 different points, including one which asked if there was an 'unlawful killing'.

After answering yes, it sparked emotional scenes in the courtroom as families of the 96 shed tears and then applauded as the jury left the room.

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University and college refute union report 'insecure jobs' claim

Report by **Henry James**

EDGE Hill University and West Lancashire College are disputing claims in reports published by the University and College Union (UCU) that they are among the UK's worst offenders for insecure employment of academic teaching staff.

Insecure contracts refer to a range of employment types. In Higher Education (HE) this includes staff employed on fixed-term, 'atypical' or zero-hours contracts. In Further Education (FE) it refers to staff on variable hours, hourly-paid or term-time only contracts and those employed by agencies.

In the HE report Edge Hill is listed in 42nd place with 43.7% of teaching staff said to be on insecure contracts. The report on FE names West Lancashire College (42.9%) in the top 50 worst offenders for insecure employment.

The reports state that, overall, 49% of teaching staff at UK universities and 34% of teaching staff at UK colleges are on insecure contracts.

According to the union, anecdotal evidence backed up by research suggests that insecure contracts undermine teachers' ability to do a good job as they often have poor access to basic equipment and facilities, can only get their job done by putting in unpaid hours, and are constantly stressed about future availability of work.

In January, the union wrote to all universities and colleges asking them to stop using zero-hours contracts and to work with UCU to review the use of all forms of non-permanent contracts. Edge Hill University, Southport College and West Lancashire College all failed to respond to the letter.

UCU general secretary, Sally Hunt, said: "These reports show there is a damaging 'hire and fire' zero-hours culture flourishing in our colleges and universities. The worst offenders employ a significant majority of their teaching staff on insecure contracts, but many more institutions are relying far too heavily on them.

"We know that a teacher's ability to do a good job is compromised if they are on an insecure contract. We need colleges to engage in better workforce planning that gives staff stable jobs."

A spokeswoman for Edge Hill University commented: "We use a range of different contracts such as fixed term and atypical contracts but don't recognise these as insecure. Colleagues in these roles commonly work on our professional development programmes and provide specialist expertise to our students. They support and mentor our nursing and teaching students in schools and hospitals and enrich lectures and the curriculum by enabling students to engage with professional staff who already work in their areas of interest.

"In these cases we are only in a position to offer teaching staff part-time, atypical contracts as they already have substantive posts in their core areas of expertise.

"Votes from our own staff led to Edge Hill being ranked Best University Workplace by Times Higher Education in 2015 and our employee turnover is just 5.6 percent. We have also been shortlisted for The Employer of the Year Award in the European Business Awards 2016."

A spokeswoman for West Lancashire College commented: "We do not believe the information to be correct regarding West Lancashire College and are currently in discussion with our UCU partners. We have very constructive relationships with the unions and we have regular meetings and a constant dialogue around staffing issues."

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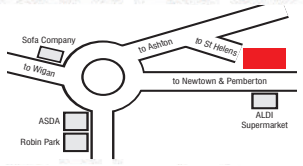

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Justice at last for the Hillsborough 96

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Instead, South Yorkshire Police and the Yorkshire Ambulance Service were criticised for their role in handling the disaster.

The Crown Prosecution Service has confirmed it will now begin the process of formally considering criminal charges.

Notable campaigners in the HJC include Margaret Aspinall and Trevor Hicks, who helped put pressure on the authorities to open a new Hillsborough inquest two years ago.

A brief statement made by HJC immediately following yesterday's verdict read: "Justice for the 96. Justice for all. Thanks to everyone who supported the HJC. We did it."

Campaigners toast solar farm 'victory'

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

CAMPAIGNERS in Aughton are celebrating after developers dropped their appeals against the decision to refuse planning permission for two huge solar farms.

Horrified residents formed the Protect Aughton's Landscape Together (PALT) group in May 2015 to stop the area becoming what they described as a "solar panel dumping ground" after plans were submitted to West Lancs Borough Council for the two plants.

Southport–based agents Be Renewables Limited submitted a planning application on behalf of Back Lane Solar Limited for a ground–mounted photovoltaic (panelled) solar farm on land to the west of Back Lane in Aughton the size of 17 football pitches, with plans also allowing for 6.9 acres of land set aside for biodiversity and wildlife.

They also submitted plans on behalf of Formby Lane Solar Limited for a ground–mounted photovoltaic solar farm the size of 13 football pitches on land to the rear of Old Waggoners Cottage in Formby Lane, Aughton.

Both were both refused planning permission last year.

Residents had raised fears about the impact that the panels, eight feet tall at their highest, would have on the landscape, both visually and affecting wildlife and if new access routes would also be constructed on the land, which is a public right of way.

Concerns were also raised about the noise impact of wind and rain on the panels given how close they would be to homes and inaccuracies in some of the supporting reports.

Formby Lane Solar Limited and Back Lane Solar Limited both appealed the decision earlier this month, but withdrew their appeals on Friday (April 22). An appeal against a planning decision cannot be re-submitted, so this means that its is the end of the line for the plans unless they are submitted again as a new application.

Members of the campaign group at the proposed Back Lane site when the planning applications were submitted

Paul Bewick, chairperson of PALT, said: "We were disappointed, but not surprised, that the company had appealed in the last couple of weeks against the decisions which were made in October and we're hugely relieved that they have now withdrawn those appeals.

"Hundreds of people from West Lancs and beyond made their feelings known about the plans, which would have had a significantly negative impact on our valuable countryside. We're grateful for that support and for this final outcome."

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200 cows rescued from barn fire

Farmer praises neighbours and firefighters

Report by **Henry James**

Bannister farm after the incident

A DAIRY farmer has spoken out to thank the people who helped him save 200 cows from a barn fire at Bannister dairy farm on Bannister Lane, Bispham.

David Monk, 42, has said if had not been for fellow farmer Brian Garner and Rob Collier spotting the blaze and alerting him, then he could have lost everything.

He also praised the work of the firefighters, including crews from Skelmersdale, who attended the blaze at just after 11pm on Friday (April 22).

Mr Monk, who said the farm had been in his family for more than 100 years, said he was woken up by Mr Garner and Mr Collier who also called the fire service.

"When I first saw the fire in the roof of the barn it was well alight. The barn was thick with smoke but I took some deep breaths and went in and managed to get the cattle out - just before the roof fell in.

"We then managed to evacuate 150 cows from an adjoining building.

"The firefighters were superb, tackling the situation as quickly as possible and very efficient at what they were doing.

"But if it hadn't been for Brian and Rob we would have lost everything. Luckily, no-one was hurt and no animals were hurt.

"I'd also like to thank some Norweb electricians who were going past at the time and stopped to help."

When firefighters - including crews from Wigan and Tarleton - arrived on the scene the roof of a cattle shed was well alight.

The crews used a hose reel, a jet and two ladders to extinguish the fire and were at the scene for two-and-a-half hours. There were 20 firefighters at the blaze at its height.

Group manager Barry Foster from Skelmersdale Fire Station, who was at the scene, said: "The roof of the cattle barn was well alight when we first attended. The priority was to stop the fire spreading to an adjoining building. Two firefighters went onto the roof and prevented the fire spreading."

Firefighters returned next day to see if any dampening down was needed and also carried out checks at the scene.

The cause of the fire is under investigation but it is believed it could have been caused by an electrical fault.

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Newburgh Parish Council chair, Jacky Citarella (centre left) welcomes Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy to the civic service at Christ Church

Roll of Honour commemorates village war heroes

NEWBURGH Parish Council has published a Roll of Honour commemorating the servicemen of the village who died in the two World Wars.

The council commissioned the Roll of Honour in 2014 to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War. It has been produced by military historian Richard Houghton of the Lathom and Burscough Military Heritage Society.

Newburgh Parish Council chairman, Jacky Citarella welcomed Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy to a civic service at Christ Church, Newburgh, where she met Julia Peggs and Irene O'Donnell from neighbouring parish councils, Reverend Burrows, reader Vivian Mitchell and members of 1st Newburgh and Dalton British Boy Scouts.

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Jacky Citarella said: "We wanted to find an appropriate way of recognising the anniversary. The new Roll of Honour provides much information on servicemen of both World Wars and will be a lasting tribute to them."

The Roll is held in Christ Church, Newburgh and is available for inspection in the church on application to the vicar or the chair of the parish council.

A copy of the Roll will also be held in Parbold Library where it can be used for research purposes.

The listing is also on the Newburgh website www.newburghlancs.co.uk.

James is a cut above rivals!

A TALENTED teenager from West Lancashire has been named as the best young butcher in a national competition!

Eighteen-year-old James Henshaw, from Taylor's Farm Shop in Lathom, beat off stiff competition from seven other young apprentices to win the coveted title of Premier Young Butcher at the finals of the Premier Young Butcher Competition organised by the National Federation of Meat and Food Traders (NFMFT) at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham.

The five-hour, six-category competition, recognised as the most demanding skills competition open to UK butchery apprentices, saw eight of the nation's top apprentices demonstrate their butchery skills, creating displays of ready-to-eat, stuffed roast, barbecue and kitchen-ready products.

James, who was the youngest competitor in the contest, demonstrated dominance over the others by winning three of the six categories for the ready-to eat, barbecue and display categories, as well as being highly commended for seam butchery.

NFMFT president Jim Sperring said : "It's great to see young people with the sort of skills demonstrated. Full marks to them all, they're a credit to the trade and I'm sure they all have great futures ahead of them."

James Henshaw is presented with his award by NFMFT president Jim Sperring

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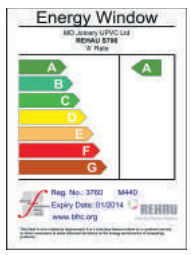

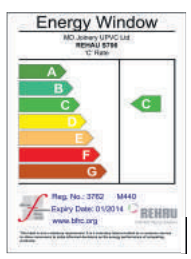

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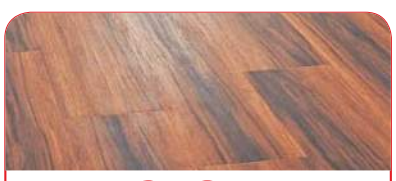

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Students rate Edge Hill facilities among UK's best

Report by **Henry James**

AN annual league table based on student opinion has placed Edge Hill as having some of the top university facilities in the UK.

The league table, compiled from 25,000 student reviews on the Whatuni.com website has ranked the Ormskirk university in fourth place nationally for its outstanding facilities.

It has also named Edge Hill as top in the North West in the University of the Year category, and ranked in overall 16th position nationally.

It also scored a top 11 position nationally for its student services and a top 15 position for its accommodation.

Mark Allanson, pro-vice chancellor at Edge Hill University said: "We are delighted to have achieved outstanding rankings in the Whatuni annual league table.

"The fact that our students are scoring us so highly is extremely important to us as we ensure that our students are at the heart of everything we do and we work hard to deliver an outstanding student experience."

Some of the top-class facilities available to students at Edge Hill University

The league table ranks 125 universities across 10 categories, with institutions considered for an award if they meet a minimum threshold of reviews, depending on the size of the institution.

The latest league table follows results earlier this year, with the university named as having the best student experience in the North West in the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2016 and a top two result nationally for good environment on campus and top three nationally for high quality facilities in the same table.

Edge Hill was also named in the top four in the North West in the Sunday Times Good University Guide 2016.

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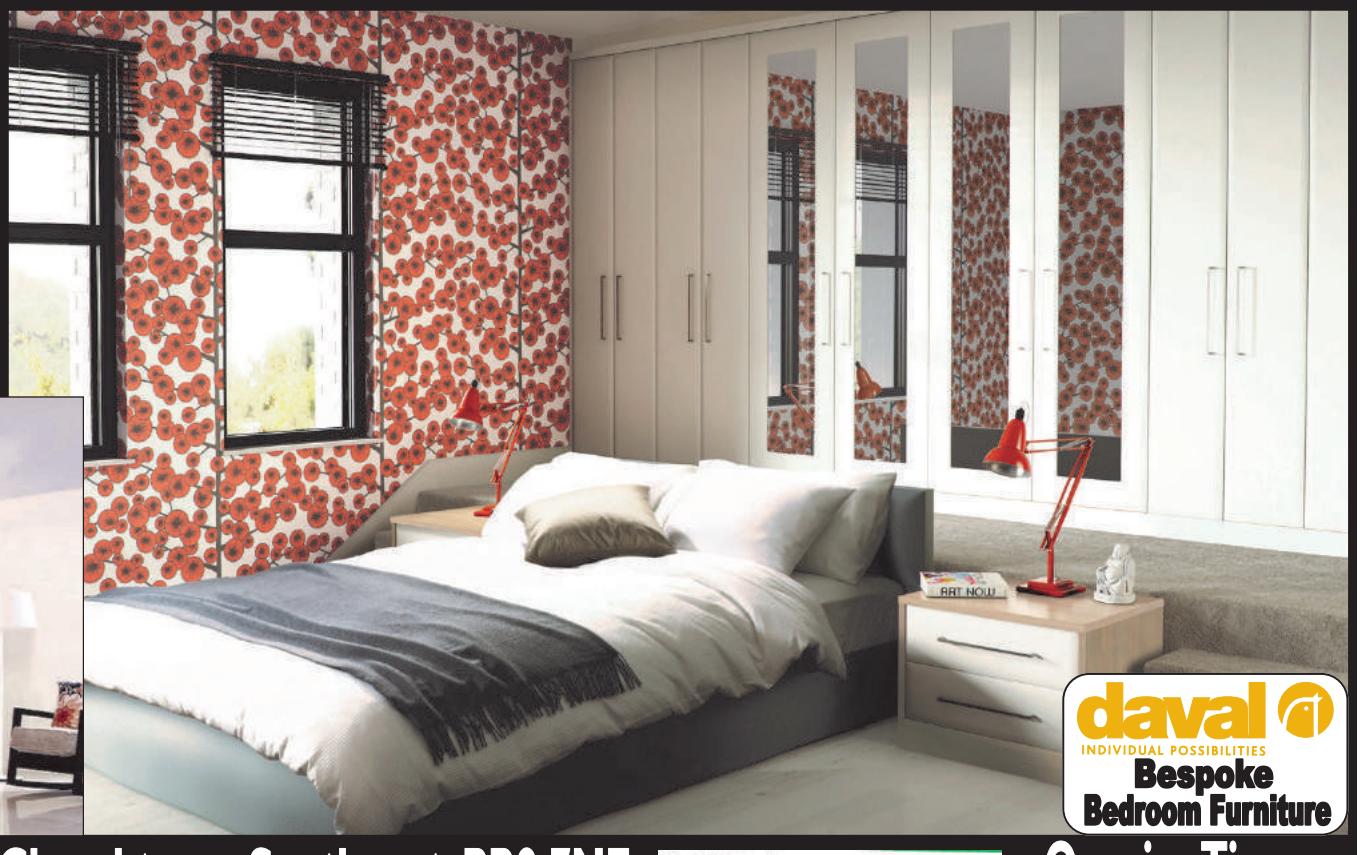

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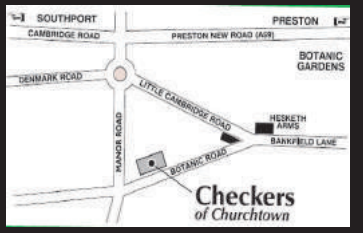

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Borough celebrates Queen's birthday

HUNDREDS of people joined West Lancashire's celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday as a beacon was lit at Beacon Country Park in Up Holland.

The borough council organised the event on Thursday, April 21 and hundreds of local people turned out to enjoy it.

There was a short procession to the beacon at the park's visitor centre with local dignitiaries taking part alongside members of the Royal Air Force Association and Skelmersdale Ex-Services Association, local scouts, guides, air cadets, and other uniformed groups.

At the beacon there was a short ceremony, with music from Skelmersdale Prize Band.

Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy, then read out a message from Prince Charles before lighting the beacon at 8.30pm.

The beacon was one of hundreds lit across the United Kingdom, Isle of Man, the Channel Islands and UK overseas territories to mark the Queen's special birthday.

The mayor reads out the message from Prince Charles before lighting the beacon

Her Majesty herself lit the principal beacon at Windsor.

Councillor Hennessy said: "It was a great honour for me to be asked to light the beacon on the occasion of the Queen's 90th birthday.

" The event was a fantastic success and I was absolutely delighted that so many people came along to enjoy it."

Dawn Jack with her 13 bridesmaids, two page boys and flower girl at Lathom Chapel

Here comes the bride - and her 13 bridesmaids!

WHEN mum-of-two Dawn Jack announced she was planning to tie the knot with partner Christian Harris, close friend, Jakki Gelhard decided she should mark her big day in a BIG way - with 13 bridesmaids!

Dawn from Bickerstaffe had originally planned to have older daughter Zoe, 19 as her maid of honour, with younger daughter Becky, 17, and 11-year-old god-daughter Millie as bridesmaids, and three-year-old granddaughter Annabel as a flower girl.

But after a few New Year's Eve drinks Jakki came up with the plan for 10 of Dawn's closest friends to join in as bridesmaids.

Dawn loved the idea and the bumper wedding party - completed by pageboys Leo and Ethan - made the ceremony at Lathom Chapel on Friday (April 22) a day to remember.

Jakki, who has been friends with Dawn for more than 12 years, said: "The wedding was absolutely wonderful, a perfect day from the start to finish!"

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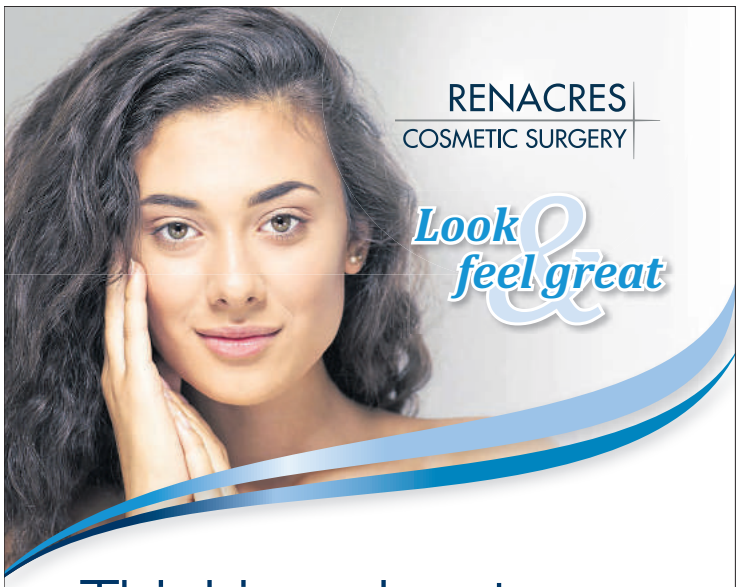

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County's pothole repair teams more than doubled

HIGHWAYS chiefs at Lancashire County Council say they have "substantially increased" the number of teams dedicated to fixing potholes to tackle the legacy of road damage caused by one of the wettest winters on record.

Over the last three weeks the authority have bought in 29 extra teams from external contractors to support their existing 24 crews.

The scale of the damage caused by the prolonged wet weather can be gauged from the figures showing that more than 7,800 'defects' were found in February and more than 7,300 in March.

The usual monthly figures at the height of winter are only around 5,000.

Phil Durnell, head of highways for Lancashire County Council, said: "The exceptionally wet weather over the winter has had a very severe impact on our roads, particularly the storms at the end of last year, when the damage caused was immediately obvious once the floods receded.

"These conditions created the perfect environment for potholes. They form when water gets into minute cracks in the road surface, and the freezing and thawing caused by the cold temperatures make the crack widen until a hole appears.

"This has resulted in far more potholes than we usually get at this time of year. Our teams have been working flat-out over the last few months, but there's a limit to the number of repairs they can do each week.

"The wet weather has made progress more difficult due to the potholes being full of water. They need to be dried out, and this increases the time it take to make a repair.

"The ongoing rain has also meant that some repairs have not had time to properly seal, resulting in them washing out and needing to be done again. The only way we can tackle the number of repairs needed, and maintain good quality repairs, is to employ these extra resources."

One of the numerous potholes that have appeared on the county's roads

And Mr Durnell added: "More than doubling the number of teams dedicated to fixing potholes and other defects will make a real difference in the short term by ensuring we can catch up quickly on the backlog of repairs. And we are due to begin our annual programme of maintenance in the coming weeks, which will help to restore and preserve our roads, bringing them into much better overall condition by the autumn."

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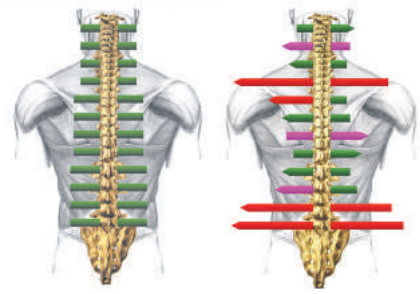

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Unity not separation is key to combating terrorist threat

IF we vote to leave the EU, so argues Tony Green (Letters, April 13), we will regain control of our industry and our borders.

Rolls Royce Motors, Jaguar/Land Rover, Bentley, Mini, British Steel, are all in the hands of foreign countries, he points out, and our local Arriva bus services are really the property of Deutsche Bahn, the owners of Arriva.

In order to own these companies these foreigners must surely have invested in them, perhaps in some cases even preserving their existence. Is it not a good thing that foreigners invest their money in British industry and enterprise?

How does Tony Green propose that we should regain their ownership? Should we spend what it would require to re-purchase, however much that would be; or should we do a Colonel Nasser and simply nationalise the lot and kick out Johnny Foreigner?

We could buy out Tata and re-nationalise the steel industry and provide the millions of pounds per day reportedly being lost and reduce prices to less than that of the steel currently being dumped globally by the Chinese. But could we afford to do that?

'We were a dynamic and powerful country long before the EU was invented'. Indeed we were! We were the head of an empire upon which the sun never set. Alas, that sun has long since set.

If we leave the EU, whose 500 million inhabitants are the destination of 44% of our exports, we are on our own. We will have it all to re-negotiate, at whatever terms remains to be seen.

'We fought two World Wars to maintain our independence'. We did and in the 70 years since there has been no European war, even though a few of the present-day EU countries were fighting those wars against us.

The danger is now from a different source. To maintain security against the terrorist threat we require unity, not separation. This, more than ever, is a time to remain together to keep our borders safe.

Michael Stephens, Aughton

So, are patients now expected to be experts in self-diagnosis?

REFERRING to the comments of Rob Gillies in the Champion regarding A&E being for 'serious emergencies' only, are we now expected to be experts in self diagnosis?

On a recent Saturday morning, our five-year-old granddaughter started to vomit. Of course, we thought it was a tummy bug.

It turned out to be much more serious - acute appendicitis. We took her to hospital ourselves, and I dread to think what would have happened had we waited for an ambulance. The ambulance service seems not fit for purpose and needs a complete overhaul.

The second issues with our hospitals is weekend working. The Health Secretary says we are to have a 24/7 NHS. Our granddaughter's care suggests this is not happening yet in Formby and Southport District Trust.

We took her from Southport to Ormskirk Hospital by Saturday evening. She had her appendectomy late on Sunday evening at Alder Hey. Why did she have to wait so long in pain, and suffer acute infection with a longer than normal recovery time?

She and her mother spent nine anxious nights in Alder Hey, where the care was superb and the hospital fantastic. But so much time seemed to have been lost at Ormskirk and for an ambulance to take her to A&E because by then she was very distressed, as we were.

Add to this several junior doctors strikes, and the suspension of four executives (wasting thousands of pounds no doubt as the affair drags on) and there's a simple message for local people - just don't become ill! It's not safe to do so.

B. G., by email

Common sense needed to send time-wasters packing!

RE: The recent front-page story headed 'Seven-hour wait at A&E'.

We recently had the unfortunate experience of having to attend A&E and my wife had to wait almost 10 hours to get a bed!

Fortunately, we did get a side room with a bed, but only after collaring the bed manager in the corridor!

However, back to the subject of wait times. I wonder what the triage nurse is for if it is not to decide if someone actually needs the services of A&E?

Surely it seems sensible for the triage nurse to ask the questions put by Rob Gilles: Has the patient presented with a serious accident, a serious burn, breathing problems, heart attack or a stroke?

If not, then they should be politely told they should either see their own GP or be invited to take a seat and be seen after ALL serious cases have been seen. It is then their choice

It seems to me that some common sense from health professionals is needed in some cases i.e. turn away the time-wasters.

I should like to close by praising all the staff and doctors who work tirelessly and cheerfully under difficult circumstances.

Derek Andrews, by email

PICTURE of the week

Mayor of West Lancashire County Councillor Nikki Hennessy lit a beacon to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Drop us a line

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The forgotten town!

IF you live in Skelmersdale, don't have a car and use the bus you will have to stay at home after 8pm as there is no later service to bring you home after an evening out.

No pictures, no theatre, no evening meal out, no late meeting with a friend in a pub, no time to spend an evening at a friend's home.

The last bus from Southport is 8.45pm, the last bus from Wigan is 10.10pm so if you're out later there's no way home except taxi as there's no railway station.

Eric Daish, Westhead

Setting record straight

RE: 'Trio banned from borough for hunting hares', just to clarify, the brown hare is not a protected species, it is classed as ground game and can be shot.

However, it does come under the protection of the 2004 hunting with dogs bill and it is illegal for it to be hunted with dogs, for which the three men in your article (April 20) have been prosecuted and rightly so.

Champion reader, by email

Feathered 'lodgers' a delight to watch

A FEW weeks ago my son put up a birds' nesting box for me in my garden. I have not had much luck before with nesting boxes so we looked on the RSPB website for the most appropriate place in the garden to put it.

The favoured place was on an old outbuilding, safe from predators and where I could watch from my kitchen window.

Due to my previous track record in nesting box success I was somewhat skeptical so imagine my delight when, in the middle of washing up, I noticed a wren flitting back and forth across my garden heading straight for the box with a beak full of moss and grass.

This activity carried for the next few days until the wren was satisfied it had built a comfortable nest.

At one point a blue tit foolishly tried to gain entrance to the box only to be beaten off by a very irate wren!

It looks as if it's here to stay and I can't wait to see all its chicks when they finally arrive.

Julia Frodsham, School Lane, Skelmersdale

Our over-sized police station could be used to house students

EVERY time I walk past Ormskirk police station I wonder why such an enormous building was inflicted upon us.

It suggests that the authorities feared that our pleasant market town might erupt into revolution and disorder.

How many rooms does it contain? How many are occupied?

How many police officers does it house? How often is it closed? How much does it cost per year to keep it open?

So here's a thought. Let's put it to better use by filling it with students. This would bring in some income to the constabulary and would relieve the pressure on local housing.

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Maurice George, Yew Tree Road, Ormskirk

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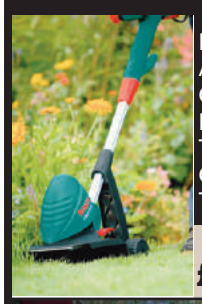

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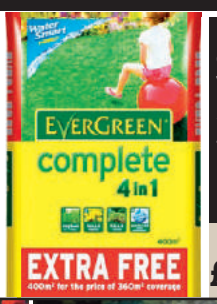

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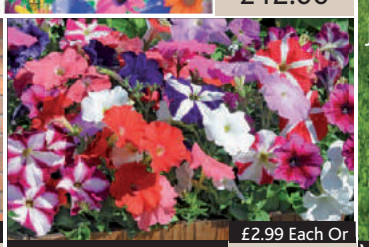

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144 weapons and 4,240 rounds of ammunition surrendered in two-week amnesty

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

MORE than 140 weapons and thousands of rounds of ammunition have been handed in to Lancashire Constabulary during the force's two-week weapons surrender period.

The amnesty, which ran from Monday , April 4 to Monday, April 18, saw air rifles, air pistols, handguns, shotguns, rifles and antique firearms amongst the weapons that were handed in.

In the county as a whole a total of 137 guns, seven other weapons and 4,240 rounds of ammunition were handed in.

Lancashire Constabulary covers three areas, East, West and South Division. The South Division includes West Lancashire, as well as Preston, South Ribble and Chorley.

In the South Division, a total of 64 weapons and 381 rounds of ammunition were handed in.

These were made up of 20 air rifles, 13 air pistols, 12 live handguns, six imitation guns, five shotguns, three blank firers, three antique guns, one live rifle and one other weapon.

In the last amnesty, which took place in 2014, a total of 103 guns including shotguns, air guns, pistols, rifles and revolvers were handed in, along with 3,419 rounds of ammunition.

Chief Inspector Mark Baines said: "Clearly it's concerning to see so many dangerous weapons on the street but taking these firearms and ammunition out of circulation can only be a good thing. We're delighted so many firearms have been handed in.

"This was another opportunity for people to do the right thing and get rid of these potentially deadly weapons.

"Many of the weapons are old but many remain live and if fired are capable of killing. All it would take is one burglary for a gun to be stolen and end up in criminal hands."

Those who surrendered firearms during the two-week period may not face prosecution for the illegal possession and could choose to remain anonymous.

However, each firearm handed in will be assessed by firearms officers, with some weapons now being forensically checked for evidence. After any evidential issues have been explored the majority of the items will be destroyed.

Meanwhile the charity Crimestoppers is offering a reward of up to £1,000 for information that leads to the recovery of a firearm and an arrest and conviction. They can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Martin Mere news

On your marks, get set, go... WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is making a splash this bank holiday weekend with the third annual plastic duck race on Monday 2 May at 3pm.

All April, children have been coming in their droves to paint a plastic duck to enter into the popular duck race over the bank holiday. But don't worry if you didn't paint a duck over the Easter holidays, you can buy one on the day for £2, quickly decorate it before 2.30pm to enter the race. The winning ducks will receive vouchers to spend in the Martin Mere retail shop.

Nick Brooks, Centre Manager at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre said: "We are delighted that the duck race is taking place at Martin Mere once again this year, last year was an incredible event for the centre and we hope that this year will be even better."
He added: "Last year there was nearly 200 ducks taking part in the race with a great variety of colours and designs on show. There was much drama in last year's event with one duck streaming into the lead, only to drift into a ditch and trapping five others to allow a duck sail from behind into an uncatchable lead."

Additional bank holiday activities includes morning and afternoon sessions of pond dipping to see which creatures are lurking in the ponds, grab your paddle and take to the water on our canoe safari and boat tours, build a den out of conifer, watch our family of otters feed, splash and dash in our adventure play area that features water play and hand feed birds from all over the world. A great wetland day out for the whole family.

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Championship double date for Ormskirk Golf Club

Report by **Henry James**

ORMSKIRK Golf Club is set to play host to two prestigious tournaments this year.

From Friday to Sunday, May 27-29, the cream of the county's unpaid golfers will tee off in the Lancashire Amateur Championship.

And then on Monday, September 19 it will be the turn of the professionals when the club in Cranes Lane, Lathom is the venue for the Lancashire PGA Championship.

This is the first time that one club has hosted both championships in the same season and is seen as a major boost to the growing links between the professional and amateur golfers in the county as a result of the work of Phil Harvey (LUGC) and Andy Duncan (Lancs PGA) in getting both codes to work more closely together.

Ian Kenwright of Haydock Park GC will be defending his title in the Amateur Championships, while Steve Parry of Hart Common GC near Bolton will defend the professional title that has been running since 1972.

Andy Duncan, of Lancashire PGA, said: "It will be great to see the best of both Lancashire and the country both fighting it out at one of Lancashire's finest courses.

Ormskirk Golf Club is set to host two prestigious tournaments this year

"The strength in both the Lancashire county amateurs and professionals was evident last year with the amateurs winning the national team championships, while the professionals just missed out by a shot at The Belfry in the equivalent tournament."

Ormskirk GC's long-serving and well respected professional, Jack Hammond, added: "The club are delighted to be the first to host both championships in the same season and I am sure that we will provided a perfect stage both on and off the course for the two top competitions."

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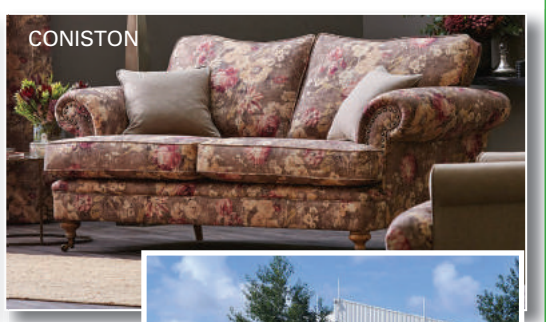

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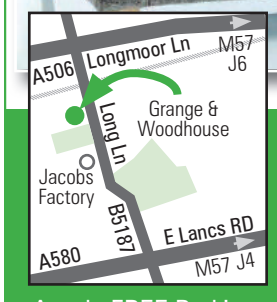

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Lunch event raises £300 for hospice

STAFF at a local hostelry served up a recipe for success when they hosted a charity lunch in aid of Queenscourt Hospice.

The event, at the Town Green Brasserie in Aughton raised more than £300 for the hospice, which cares for patients from across West Lancashire, Southport and Formby.

It was part of a year-long campaign of support for Queenscourt by the brasserie's owner, the Seafood Pub Company.

Charity buckets were placed throughout the venue and raffle tickets were also sold on the day.

Effort

General manager, Gokhan Alban presented a cheque for £305 to Julie McAdam, community fundraiser at Queenscourt Hospice.

Julie said: "The event was a huge success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon spent at the Town Green Brasserie.

"The cheque presentation was a great way to celebrate all the hard work and effort by all involved, and say thank-you to the staff for helping us to raise a good amount."

Jemma McAnespie from the Seafood Pub Company said: "I'm really pleased with the success of our first fundraising event. It just goes to show that we have a great partnership with the hospice, and are fully committed to working with them throughout the year, to raise as much money as we possibly can. We're already looking forward to the next event."

Town Green Brasserie general manager Gokhan Alban presents the cheque to Julie McAdam from the Queenscourt Hospice

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Holiday was far from plain sailing

I'VE just returned from a most disappointing holiday in Norfolk and Suffolk on my dearly loved old motor cruiser, 'Manxman'.

Not that I didn't enjoy most of my holiday, it's just that I had expected far more (and less) than I actually got.

It serves me right, I suppose. Over the years I should have learned that building castles in the air is a sure way to court disappointment.

The problem was, you see, that over her winter lay-up I had asked for an engine oil leak to be traced and fixed, new domestic batteries to be fitted, the erratic 'Webasto' heater to be sorted out and a dodgy fridge either repaired or replaced.

I really kidded myself that when I arrived at the boatyard where the work was being done (and it has served me well in the past) all I would have to do (apart from pay, of course) was to get myself, my small amount of baggage and the 'crew' - collies Tina and Cinders -aboard and off we'd go for a couple of weeks of unallayed joy.

Fat chance!

When I arrived, having given the yard two weeks prior notice of my expected time and date, I found that a small repair to damaged woodwork was still underway, the new batteries were "expected any minute" and the fridge "seemed to be working." The 'Webasto' at least was functioning in a slightly will it-won't it ignite sort of fashion.

And worse was to follow.

Batteries connected, woodwork complete and a fridge working (for all of six hours or

so) time I thought to set sail, all my troubles behind me.

Oh dear.

Within minutes I found that the electrically flushing loo was inoperative, the engine heat and ammeter gauges were not working and neither was the satnav, while the control box for the solar panels we had fitted several years ago was showing that the brand new batteries were discharged (which they most certainly were not).

Fiddling

All these things had been perfectly OK before, so the electrician returned, and after much fiddling around with earth connections, eventually got things working again.

And we were off.

It was only after a couple of days that I realised we still had the oil leak. The mechanic had fitted a new head gasket in the belief that that was from whence the oil was coming.

But it wasn't that bad, so we got the cruiser into its stride and had about five days of enjoyment, until one morning, doing the daily engine check, I found the amount of oil in the sump had dropped dramatically!

To cut a long story short, the mechanic who had assured me all was well, turned up and almost at once spotted the leak was coming from the crank-case gasket – which he could have seen originally had he not been so sure it was the head gasket at fault.

He said this wasn't a 'river bank job' and left me with a crippled boat to get back to the boatyard many miles away.

To be honest, in the end the holiday turned out far better than I thought it would.

When we started out (having been instructed not to go too slow because the same amount of oil would be lost anyway but not to 'hammer it' either) I meant to take it in stages so as to moor, check how much of the precious fluid there was in the sump and top up as necessary. But on day two of this rather sad conclusion to our voyage, I found that the leak had, for some unknown reason, lessened again.

So in fact we were able to stretch our return somewhat from the shortest possible route and we didn't miss out too much.

Now, 'Manxman' (51 years old this year) is back at the boatyard. I am definitely assured that all the necessary work (including a new fridge) will be done ASAP and my beloved boat returned to its usual wet-shed berth.

So all will be tickety-boo for our next holiday. Won't it?

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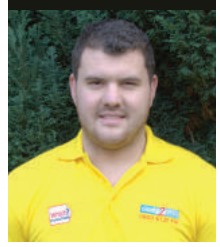

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Jobs at risk as BHS store falls into administration

STAFF at the BHS store in Southport woke up on Monday morning to the news that the company had fallen into administration – meaning hundreds of jobs are at risk of being lost, writes OLLIE COWAN

The Champion understands that in a worst case scenario, the store on Chapel Street could only remain open for a matter of weeks after restructuring firm Duff and Phelps were called in to begin the process of trying to find a buyer for the struggling company.

The news is a devastating blow to staff at the Southport store who were told last month that their jobs may be safe after a voluntary agreement was reached with BHS landlords and lenders.

In a letter to staff, BHS owner Dominic Chappell said: "It is with a deep heart that I have to report, despite a massive effort from the team, we have been unable to secure a funder or a trade sale.

"I would like to say it has been a real pleasure working with all of you on the BHS project, one I will never forget, you all need to keep you heads held high, you have done a great job and remember that it was always going to be very very hard to turn around."

The impending closure will be one of the largest losses to Southport's high street scene since Woolworths crashed. The property, The Champion understands, commands very high rents and needs repair work carrying out on account of the building's age.

John Hannett, general secretary of the shopworkers' union Usdaw, said the new was "devastating" for staff.

He said: "This is devastating news for the employees of BHS and we urge the company to change their attitude to trade unions and begin a dialogue with us at this difficult and worrying time.

BHS Southport could close within a number of weeks

"We also urge the administrators and the company to comply with the law, consult with staff and Usdaw as the union for BHS workers. We don't want to see BHS staff locked out of discussions, sent to the back of the queue of creditors and treated like fixtures and fittings, as happened at Woolworth's.

Southport MP John Pugh, who has been vocal in his support of the BHS workers, told The Champion: "This is the kind of scenario I have been warning against.

"If BHS go it will leave a big hole in the town centre which as a prime site will represent development opportunity for a more successful retailer- just opposite the railway station.

"Its important that the council does not sit back and leave it all to the market. Sefton needs to get involved engage with possible commercial partners and withdraw its support for further out of town development and parking increases."

Andrew Sloman, manager of Southport BID said the loss was a damning blow.

He said: "We are immensely saddened to hear that such an iconic store as BHS has gone into administration.

"While it is important to recognise that this is at a national level, jobs of course will be lost here."

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MP backs bowel cancer awareness campaign

ROSIE Cooper is supporting a call for more people to take the opportunity to be screened as part of the Bowel Cancer Awareness Month campaign by research charity Bowel Cancer UK.

Bowel cancer is the second biggest cancer killer in the UK, affecting both men and women. Every year more than 41,000 people (one every 15 minutes) are diagnosed with bowel cancer and 16,200 die as a result of the disease.

However, bowel cancer screening can save lives, although at the moment in some areas of the UK only a third of those who receive a test complete it. Thousands of people are missing out on the chance to detect bowel cancer early when it is easier to treat.

West Lancs MP Ms Cooper said: "I am totally committed to improving uptake rates for bowel cancer screening, both locally and nationally.

"I would urge my West Lancashire residents who are sent a bowel screening test to use it.Taking part in bowel cancer screening is the best way to get diagnosed early.

"If you are over 60, take the test when you receive it in the post. If you are younger, tell the people over 60 in your life to take the test.Early diagnosis really can save lives."

Deborah Alsina, chief executive of Bowel Cancer UK, said: "I'd like to thank Rosie Cooper for supporting our campaign during Bowel Cancer Awareness Month to raise participation levels for bowel cancer screening.

"One in 14 men and one in 19 women will be diagnosed with bowel cancer during their lifetime but it is treatable and curable, especially if diagnosed early."

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Tracy Beaker artist opens exhibition dedicated to his work

Nick Sharratt chats to two young visitors to the exhibition at the Chapel Gallery

THE creator of the famous illustrations to Jacqueline Wilson's Tracy Beaker books visited West Lancashire to open a new exhibition dedicated to his work.

Nick Sharratt attended the launch of the exhibition at West Lancs Council's Chapel Gallery in St Helens Road, Ormskirk where he also signed copies of his book.

The exhibition, 'Pirates, Pants and Wellyphants – The Illustrated World of Nick Sharratt' runs until Saturday, June 25.

Described as a creative playground where visitors of all ages are encouraged to get hands-on and take part in interactive activities, it features many of the well-known characters that Nick has illustrated over the years, including Tracy Beaker, Daisy, Hetty Feather and Pirate Pete, as well as a host of animals and vast quantities of food and clothing.

Visitors can immerse themselves in Nick's world, find out about his childhood and what inspired him to become an illustrator and meet a host of the characters he has created throughout his career.

The exhibition includes a wipe-clean wall for everyone to have a go at drawing their own Nick Sharratt-inspired picture. And young visitors - and the young-at-heart! - can enjoy dressing up in a selection of whacky costumes.

Nick Sharratt has written at least 40 children's books and illustrated close to 250 more. His partnership with Jacqueline Wilson began with The Story of Tracy Beaker in 1991. Their books have sold more than 35 million copies in Britain.

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Police and trading standards officers target rogue traders

Report by **Henry James**

POLICE in West Lancashire targeted rogue traders and forceful doorstep sellers as part of a national day of action on Wednesday, April 13.

Activities ranged from identifying vehicles used by criminals through automatic number plate recognition (ANPR), to conducting intelligence-led patrols in areas where older or vulnerable people live.

Police and trading standards services across the country worked with the Department of Work and Pensions, Environment Agency, HM Revenue and Customs, the DVLA, the DVSA, Border Force and Scambusters to catch rogue traders and to prevent innocent people from becoming victims of crime.

A total of 841 vehicles were stopped in Lancashire and checked for offences; 868 households were visited and advice given; and 166 businesses were spoken to and reminded of their responsibilities.

Almost 5,000 advice leaflets were delivered to raise awareness of how residents can work with the police to prevent becoming a victim of crime.

Rogue trading is a UK-wide problem with evidence suggesting association with burglars and rogue traders often travel vast distances to commit offences, highlighting why having a national capability such as Operation Liberal is important.

Chief Inspector Dave Mangan at Lancashire Constabulary said: "Distraction crimes and scams continue to occur and the victims are swindled out of their life savings for unnecessary and overpriced work which has a detrimental effect on the victim's health and their confidence.

"We will continue to carry out operations like this and remind the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity or concerns about an individual offering to carry out work to the relevant agency."

Operation Rogue Trader is led by Operation Liberal, the national intelligence unit that links associated crimes and gathers intelligence on key nominals and organised crime groups who travel extensively throughout the UK.

Lancashire County Council receives around 500 complaints every year about rogue traders. Officers have been checking up on potentially vulnerable residents as part of this week's operation.

Paul Noone, head of Lancashire County Council Trading Standards Service, said: "We're always working to disrupt the activities of bogus traders. However, the best way to avoid a problem is simply never to do business with any cold callers.

"If a company uses pressure sales to try to get you to buy goods or agree to have work done immediately, alarm bells should start ringing. Typically, we find that a small job, such as cleaning gutters, can soon turn into an endless list of demands for fixing slates and re-pointing ridge tiles.

"Reputable firms will not demand cash up front and will be happy to come back another day to give you time to think about it and get other quotes."

It is not illegal for traders to sell at the door but legitimate callers will not mind if you shut and lock the door while you verify that they are genuine.

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One of Jospice's charity shops

Jospice to cut jobs at charity shops

Report by **Tom Martin**

CHARITY shop staff who work for St Joseph's Hospice face the prospect of losing their job due to rises in the minimum wage.

The Thornton-based centre, also known as Jospice, has nine stores in Sefton, West Lancashire and Liverpool. There are currently eight retail managers working across these shops but it is proposed to "implement a new retail team structure" to reduce this number to five.

The decision has been blamed on the government's new National Living Wage, which rose to £7.50 an hour for over-25s at the start of April and is expected to rise to £9 by 2020.

As well as the shop in Wheatsheaf Walk , Ormskirk the charity has shops in Southport, Formby, Maghull, Crosby, Netherton, Waterloo, Allerton and Kensington.

A spokesperson for Jospice said: "We can confirm that we informed our eight retail managers that we propose to implement a new retail team structure within our nine hospice shops.

"Due to ever-increasing costs and the introduction of the National Living Wage, we are unable to continue with the existing staff structure within our retail team.

"We are now entering into a consultation period with our retail managers to discuss this further with each individual. The proposed new structure would consist of five new full-time managerial roles which would be available to all affected staff and, should the changes go ahead, every effort would be made to redeploy staff within the hospice.

"As a charity, we have to raise half our income through fundraising in our local communities and so we have to be as efficient as possible. This review will make sure that we are able to continue providing high quality care for our patients well into the future, as we have done for over 40 years."

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Joining forces ...Community officer, Dave Sullivan, Gavin Dunne of West Lancs Spartans and Mike Lea of Ormskirk Saints

Basketball merger bid to develop talent base

Report by **Henry James**

TWO local basketball clubs are joining forces with the aim of developing the sport's talent base across the borough.

The Ormskirk Saints and Skelmerdale-based West Lancs Spartans, are to combine under the banner of West Lancashire Warriors to create a pathway for player development.

The new club will offer talented players throughout West Lancs and surrounding areas the opportunity to specialise in basketball from under-13s upwards with the chance to compete against top opposition from across the North West.

However, the clubs will still exist independently and continue to offer separate training sessions.

Ormskirk Saints are an established club based at Edge Hill University and offer community training on Saturday morning to boys and girls aged six to 18.

The club completed its first season in the Basketball England junior national league demonstrating great potential for the future.

'Fantastic experience'

The Saints and new West Lancashire Warriors chairman, Mike Lea, said: "The past season has been a fantastic experience for our young players and they have achieved some great results.

"The re-brand of the national league teams to the West Lancashire Warriors reflects the fact we have players from across the county."

The West Lancs Spartans, run by Gavin Dunne, were previously based at Glenburn Sports College but have moved to the new West Lancashire College campus in Skelmersdale.

The club is currently undergoing a rebirth of its junior programne and will start training at the college sports hall on Saturday, April 30 with sessions for uhnder-12s (10 to 11am) and under-16s (11am to noon). The first session is free and both boys and girls are welcome.

It is also planned to engage with local schools and community officer Dave Sullivan has already provided sessions in schools in the local area.

Trials for the West Lancashire Warriors will be held at Edge Hill University throughout May ahead of the new season in September.

Trial information can be found at www.facebook.com/westlancswarriors.

The club is also actively looking for sponsorship partners to help support and build the programme into a successful and sustainable venture.

Any potential players, volunteers or sponsors can find out more by emailing westlancswarriors@gmail.com.

Double celebration for rugby club

WHAT have the Queen and Ormskirk Rugby Club got in common? They're both celebrating their 90th birthdays this year.

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy - along with other invited guests - joined players and officials of the Green Lane Club for a special celebration evening featuring a hot-pot and apple pie supper and live music.

And it was a double celebration for the rugby club as it also marks the 25th anniversary of the formation of their mini and juniors section.

Club members past and present also attended along with members of a visiting French touring team, headed by captain Christian Guyonnet.

Pictured: Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy, with club officials and guests at Ormskirk Rugby Club's 90th birthday celebrations

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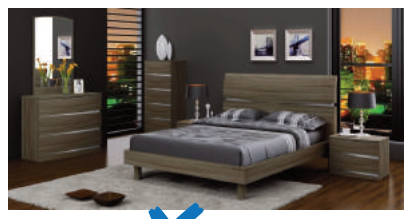

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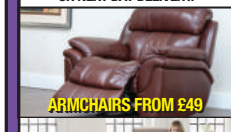

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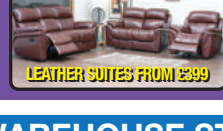

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Trust's 'don't suffer in silence' plea

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The campaign, led by the Depression Alliance, takes place between May 18 and 24 and aims to get people talking about mental health and reduce the stigma surrounding it.

The Mindsmatter service is encouraging people to come forward if they are concerned about feeling low. The service provides support for people experiencing mild to moderate mental health issues such as depression, stress and anxiety to people across Lancashire.

They offer a tailor-made service working in collaboration with the individual to address their specific requirements, including online courses, group workshops or one-to-one sessions.

Sue Crutchley, Mindsmatter Service Manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust said: "Around one in four people will experience some form of mental health problem during their life, however we are still tackling stigma around the illness.

"We want to encourage people to seek help should they be experiencing symptoms relating to low mood, stress and anxiety or sleeping problems which can be a sign, or cause of, mental ill-health.

"Talking about how you're feeling and seeking help is a sign of strength and is nothing to be ashamed of. We hope people get involved with the campaign, talk about their problems and work towards getting rid of stigma for good!"

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One is aimed at people of all ages, while the other is specifically targeted at young people aged under 25. A new booking line for both services has also been launched.

The all-ages service, run by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, will provide a full range of contraception and sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment in a single appointment, as well as more complex care for all ages.

It will also provide training to other organisations, such as GPs, to help them increase their knowledge and skills with regards to sexual health issues.

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, working in partnership with Brook, the young people's sexual health and wellbeing charity, will run the sexual health service for young people up to the age of 25.

This will provide support, advice and a full range of contraception and sexual health screening services. The changes include more specialised services provided from fewer sites, where the young people can access sexual health care provided by specially-trained nurses.

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Last year, more than 5,000 people attended over the two days, enjoying theatre, the arts, music, street entertainers, a beer festival, hog roast and cider event, exhibitions, food and drink, a duck race, church service and live music.

Festival organiser, Dave Reid, said: "Last year was our first- ever event and the reaction from the public was overwhelming. We are building on that success and aiming to make this year's festival bigger and better.

"We are adding a second stage and a village art and retail area, plus a kids zone with fairground, games and attractions.

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

Aughton Slimming World group expands!

An award winning weight-loss expert from Aughton is opening a brand new session due growing numbers of her members in her Thursday moring group which is held at Aughton Village Hall to.

Zoe, who has been a Consultant for 12 years, says: "I feel passionately about helping people to transform their lives by losing weight in the same way that I did when I lost 3st with Slimming World in 2004. Losing weight made me feel happier and healthier and gave me so much more confidence. I became a Consultant because I wanted to share that feeling and help other people to achieve the same success I had myself. Seeing the members in my groups – mums, dads, grandmas and young people too – reach their target weight is so rewarding.

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"The Aughton group has really put healthy weight loss on the map in West Lancashire. Together, they've lost an amazing 2820 lbs this year. Obesity is at record levels everywhere being affected, many people here are suffering a range of weight-related health problems from diabetes to heart problems and feelings of low self-worth that impact on their working and personal lives every day. It's never been more important that overweight people get the support to make changes to and lead healthier lives – both for themselves and the future generations, their children, too."

"I'm so excited about the new 8.00am session as it will give even more people of West Lancashire th.e opportunity to get slim and healthy without ever going hungry

To join the Aughton group, which is held every Thursday at 8am & 10am at Aughton Village Hall, either pop along or give Zoe a call on 01695 580966

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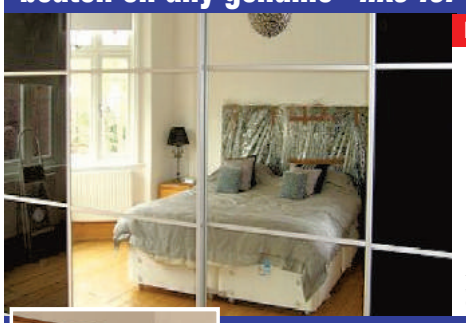

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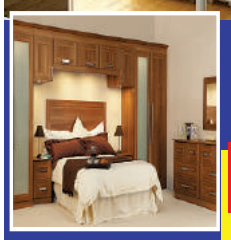

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All aboard for Yarn Shop Day

THE Wool Boat, West Lancashire's very own floating knitcraft shop, will be open for business on Saturday, April 30 as part of national Annual Yarn Shop Day.

Colin and Carole Wareing, who run the boat, selling jumpers, hats and other assorted knitted items, will be moored up on the Leeds-Liverpool Canal in Lydiate near the Bells Lane swing bridge.

They will be open for business from 10am to 5pm on the day, as well as Sunday, May 1 and Bank Holiday Monday, May 2.

Carole said: "Whether you're a crochet expert, novice knitter, or just fancy trying out a new craft, don't miss Yarn Shop Day.

"On Saturday we will have boated down from our winter base in Burscough to be moored in Lydiate, near the Bells Lane swing bridge and the Running Horses pub.

"And for the whole weekend we will be making a feature of British-produced yarns. We'll have yarns spun from wool from British sheep, commercially produced by West Yorkshire spinners from Keighley and woolly knits from Diggle, and yarns from a couple of independent spinners, Lazy Kate from nearby Ormskirk and Kate Schofield, from Cheadle."

The third annual Yarn Shop Day, which will take place in knitting and craft stores across the country, has been organised by leading publications Let's Knit and Let's Get Crafting to celebrate Britain's much-loved independent wool shops.

Carole added: "We're very happy to be taking part. Yarn crafting is really growing in popularity."

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Fly from Manchester to Singapore 1 night in Holiday Inn Atrium – Join Celebrity Millennium – Bangkok (3 Days) – Ho Chi Minh City – Hue Danang (Vietnam) – Hong Kong, overnight on ship then Fly back to Manchester.

Included in the Price: Flights to and from Manchester – Transfers in resort to and from the ship – 1 Night room only at Holiday Inn Atrium Singapore – 12 Nights on Celebrity Millennium, full board – All port & airport taxes

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Mediterranean Carnival!

Carnival Vista

10 Nights – Departing 3rd September

(Many other dates available)

Prices From:

£959

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When a new cruise ship comes into service there is usually a huge demand to sail on her, and the brand new Carnival Vista which only launches the first week of May 2016 is no exception. Carnival are known as the 'Fun Ships' and they have put everything you could ever want for a fun holiday on board, including water parks, wave pools, outdoor cinema, a huge choice of dining options, game shows, even an IMAX theatre! Add into the equation you will be visiting some of the most iconic places in the Mediterranean like Barcelona, Marseilles, Rome and Naples. The Greek Islands of Crete and Rhodes as well as an opportunity to visit Ephesus and a day in Athens and you have more fun, sun and great sightseeing than you could ever wish for. If you are looking for a fun in the sun holiday, the Carnival Vista should be your choice.

Fly from Manchester to Barcelona – Marseilles – Livorno (Florence/Pisa) – Rome (Civitavecchia) – Naples – Crete – Rhodes – Izmir – Athens overnight on ship, then fly back to Manchester.

Included in the Price: Flights to and from Manchester – Transfers in resort to and from the ship – 10 Nights full board on Carnival Vista – All port and airport taxes.

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Fly from Manchester to Barcelona – Naples – Rome (Civitavecchia) - Livorno (Florence/Pisa) – Cannes – Marseilles – Barcelona where we fly you back to Manchester

Included in the Price: Flights to and from Manchester – Transfers in resort to and from the ship – 7 nights on the Norwegian Epic, Full Board – All-inclusive drinks package - $50 per cabin to spend on board – Exclusive cocktail party – All port & airport taxes.

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Spring cleaning danger alert to pet owners

by Danielle Thompson

SPRING cleaning might be fatal for germs and bacteria but it can also be dangerous for family pets, according to officials of a national vets chain.

Dr Huw Stacey, director of clinical services at Vet4Pets, is warning of the many hidden dangers lurking around the house which could harm pets.

He said: "Spring is a great time to give the house a clean and have a clear out, from the wardrobe to the garden shed. But pet owners need to be aware of the risks these activities can pose to their pets."

And he issued the following advice for pet owners:

Always keep an eye on your pet whilst clearing out drawers, wardrobes, garages and sheds, as pets may be tempted to play with new items they see on the floor.

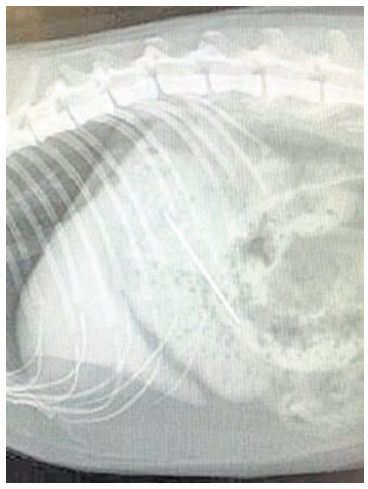
Be careful with cleaning products, paints, and solvents, as they can be toxic to pets and may result in poisoning if digested.

When completing household tasks and DIY projects, be careful pets – especially cats – do not play with tools and accessories, including nails, screws and swing needles.

When eating outside, leaving or dropping food near pets could lead to potential risks, including poisoning.

Many owners will be aware that chocolate is toxic to dogs, but may not realise sultanas are even more toxic and can cause death even in small doses.

Other foods, which can be poisonous to pets, include onions, raisins, raw fish, grapes, nuts and garlic.



Vets recently had to take this needle out of a cat's stomach

Gardening tools should be returned to the shed or garage once they have finished being used, so that a pet doesn't accidentally injure itself on their sharp points and edges.

Fertilisers, herbicides, insecticides and slug and snail pellets (metaldehyde) are very harmful to pets if accidentally consumed and should be used very carefully.

Flowers and plants can be poisonous too. Rhododendron, azaleas, lilies, daffodils and spring bulbs are among those flowers which are most toxic to pets and should be avoided where possible.

Children's toys are bright and appealing to pets. Small toys such as Lego and marbles should be put away so pets aren't tempted to eat them.

Saturday Club invitation

CHILDREN and their parents or carers are invited to go along to the Saturday Club run by the Friends of Skelmersdale Library at the library in Southway from 10.30am to 11.30am.

There is no charge and youngsters can enjoy a range of craft activities.

Meanwhile, the Friends would welcome any donations of Lego for use in their popular Lego events.

Margurite's 'Tom' moment is a Facebook hit

A VIDEO clip of a care home resident dancing to her favourite Tom Jones song has gone viral on social media website Facebook!

Superfan Margurite Swarbrick was delighted when singer and Sir Tom impersonator Danny Roman went along to Abbey Wood Lodge in County Road, Ormskirk to entertain residents and guests.

And he made the 60-year-old's day when he invited her to take the floor with him for a rendition of 'I'll Never Fall In Love Again'.

The heart-warming dance was captured on film and uploaded to Facebook and the clip has now been viewed more than 8,000 times online, including by Marguerite's family in Australia.

Residents from the care home, including Marguerite and her husband, George, will be enjoying lunch with Danny Roman at the Hilton Hotel in Liverpool on May 5, when he will be singing for the guests.

Idolised

Events organiser Lesley Malone said: "It was lovely to make one of Marguerite's wishes and dreams come true, to meet 'Tom Jones'. She has idolised Tom since her 20s when she went to see him with George.

"Her dream was to see and hear him sing again and Danny Roman is the next best thing, he was fantastic.

"His visit made a lot of residents very happy and we are looking forward to seeing him again in Liverpool."

Margurite with Tom Jones tribute act, Danny Roman at Abbey Wood Lodge.

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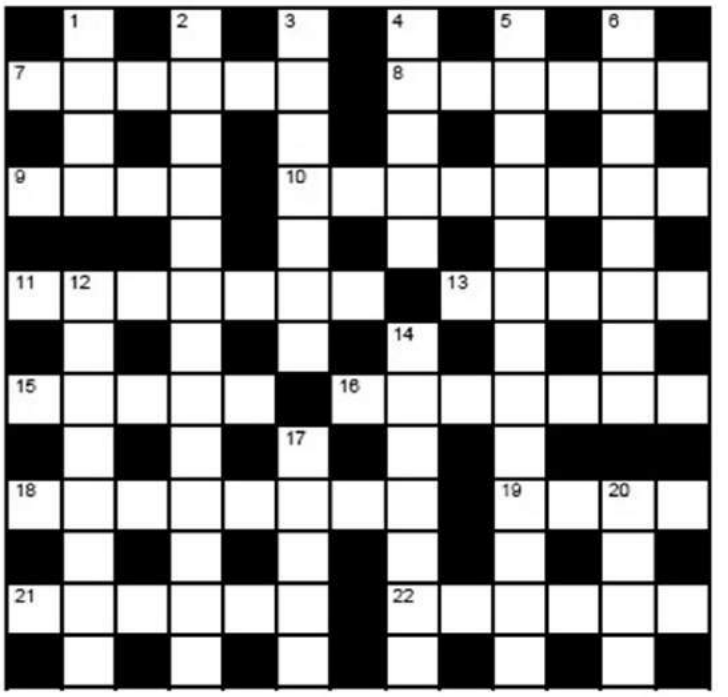

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Inflorescence. 8 Penumbra. 9 Redo. 10 Machete. 12 Slash. 14 Slack. 16 Chemist. 19 Orgy. 20 Hardtack. 22 Heath Robinson.

Down: 1 Ante. 2 Slouch. 3 Tribute. 4 Essay. 5 Petrel. 6 Acidosis. 11 Allergen. 13 Thereby. 15 Coyote. 17 Mutiny. 18 Shire. 21. Clod.

ACROSS

7 Fungal timber decay (3-3)
8 Long, jagged mountain chain, especially in Spanish-speaking countries (6)
9 Light bluish-green colour (4)
10 Form an opinion prematurely (8)
11 Large arboreal lizards native to Central and South America (7)
13 Dog-like, African scavenging mammal (5)
15 Informal term for an interfering old woman (5)
16 Small, round wickerwork boat (7)
18 Travel undertaken on the ground (8)
19 Girl or young woman (4)
21 Number puzzle (6)
22 Young men (6)

DOWN

1 Middle East country (4)
2 Process of experimenting with various methods of doing something to find the most successful (5-3-5)
3 Temporary solution (7)
4 Poplar tree (5)
5 Hairdressing and make-up/cosmetic treatment business (6,7)
6 Present or existing from the outset (8)
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Free online support platform for carers and the vulnerable launched

Rally Round has been launched online in a joint venture by the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Services (CVS)

by Danielle Thompson

A NEW free online support platform has been launched for carers and vulnerable people in West Lancashire.

Rally Round, a joint venture by the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Services (CVS), aims to provide a support network to gather around you or someone you care about.

It allows day-to-day tasks to be logged so those people involved in helping someone keep on track of what is outstanding and communicate with each other in order to offer the best possible support.

Struggles

Chris Russ, IT lead for NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "Rally Round is a fantastic online resource and we are delighted to work in partnership with West Lancashire CVS to deliver this locally.

"As healthcare commissioners, we often hear first-hand of the struggles carers and other vulnerable people can face daily in managing their normal lives.

"Whether it's doing the shopping, changing a lightbulb or attending a health appointment, Rally Round aims to create a support network to take on these tasks and support network for those who need it most. This is an excellent example of how technology can be used to improve people's health and wellbeing."

Greg Mitten of West Lancashire CVS, added: "The community can be so powerful when it rallies around an individual, and whether it's for a family member, a friend or a neighbour, there is so much we can do for each other. When a group of people work together to support a carer or vulnerable person using Rally Round, not only does that individual receive so much more support and care, but also those helping are also part of a wider network to share the load.

"There are many day-to-day tasks that can be difficult to complete for some, so Rally Round allows for those to happen in a co-ordinated way by having a 'to do list' and using email and text notifications.

"We would like to urge the communities of West Lancashire to explore the benefits of Rally Round themselves and we look forward to hearing your feedback."

To find out more, visit www.rallyroundme.com/wlcvs or contact Sarah at West Lancs CVS by emailing carers@wlcvs.org or call 01695 733737.

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College to host Advice and Guidance Evening

WEST Lancashire College are opening their doors again to prospective students.

The next Advice and Guidance evening will be held at the £42.8m Skelmersdale campus in College Way on Wednesday, May 4 from 4.30 to 7pm.

Visitors will have the opportunity to find out more about the range of courses available, as well as learning about student support, talking to tutors and getting more information on courses that lead to careers.

Information about financial guidance and free travel for eligible students will also be available.

A spokesperson for West Lancashire College said: "We have a wide range of courses available - with part-time or evening class options - including apprenticeships, motor vehicle, art & design, sports, child care, construction, travel and tourism and hairdressing, to name a few."

Marie Curie community fundraisers Katherine Howell and Sophie Yates

Chance to have a party and help cancer charity

RESIDENTS in West Lancashire are once again being urged to hold fundraising tea parties as part of a national event in aid of a cancer charity.

Marie Curie, which provides care and support for people living with terminal cancer, is holding its Blooming Great Tea Party campaign between Monday, June 20 and Wednesday, June 29 this year.

And whether it's a big garden party for family and friends or a small bake sale at work, every donation from a Blooming Great Tea Party will help Marie Curie Nurses care for more people living with a terminal illness across the UK.

Sophie Yates, the borough's community fundraiser for Marie Curie, said: "It's easy to support Marie Curie with a Blooming Great Tea Party and it really is up to you how you decide to join in.

"Last year in West Lancashire we had lots of amazing tea parties and this year we want local residents to go even further and tell us about their 'tea-riffic' plans. Every pound raised will enable us to help even more people living with a terminal illness which includes those we support directly in the areas of Ormskirk and Skelmersdale."

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advertising feature

The search begins in Merseyside for the nation's most colourful character, are you living life to the full no matter your age?

Calling over 60s in Merseyside, are you living life to the full, redefining retirement and doing anything but acting your age? If so, you could be the North West's most Colourful Character!

McCarthy & Stone, the UK's leading retirement housebuilder, which has developments in Southport and currently under construction in Ainsdale and Crosby, is launching a competition to find and recognise Colourful Characters – people aged 60+ who believe age is just a number and are determined to make the most of life in retirement with no intention of slowing down.

Maybe you still have the same get-up-and-go as a person half your age? Remain active by taking a regular exercise class or going for a daily jog, are a bit of daredevil and enjoy something more high adrenalin or just have an unusual interest or hobby? Whatever the reason, McCarthy and Stone would love to hear why you think you are a Colourful Character. The closing date for entries is the 6th May 2016 so don't delay!

One Colourful Character will be selected from each region by a panel of judges, including TV personality Arlene Phillips, and will receive a £100 Red Letter Day voucher. Regional winners will then go head-to-head with each other in a public vote on Facebook to find the National Colourful Character for 2016. As well as carrying the title the overall winner will also receive a trip of a lifetime courtesy of Saga Holidays.

Fiona Brooks, from McCarthy & Stone, comments: "McCarthy & Stone is running this competition to champion those Colourful Characters in the North West and to celebrate their attitude to life during retirement. We meet Colourful Characters at our developments every day and we want to highlight that life doesn't end when you retire - it can be just as much fun, if not more! We're looking forward to rewarding our winner with a trip of a lifetime courtesy of Saga Holidays so it's definitely worth taking the time to apply."

It's easy to enter, just tell McCarthy & Stone what makes you a Colourful Character before the 6th May 2016. You can do this online at mccarthyandstone.co.uk or pick up an entry form from any of our developments in the region and follow the details. Regional finalists will go head to head in June and the national winner will be selected in August.

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Young musicians invited back to Parbold Village Hall

Concert will be held this Saturday

FOLLOWING the success of the second Young Musician Showcase in 2015 which provided an opportunity for young artists from across Lancashire and the North West to appear before a live audience in a professional setting, Douglas Music has invited them to return to play.

They will perform pieces of their own choosing on Saturday, April 30 at 7.45pm. in the Auditorium at Parbold Village Hall.

The event will also introduce the plans for the third Young Musician Showcase in April 2017 and potential performers, friends and family are especially welcome to experience the event at first hand and learn more about how it is organised.

It is hoped that a variety of instruments and a range of ages will aim to make for a most entertaining and enjoyable evening.

These young pianists, singers, and guitarist come from Southport, Crosby, Preston, Orrell, Wigan, Glazebury, Warrington, and Parbold.

The six performers are: Ben Crumpton, 18, from Orrell, Wigan, and 2014 winner of Wigan's Young Musician of The Year, plays works for acoustic guitar by Andy McKee.

Pianist Hannah Spencer, aged 16, also from Orrell, Wigan, will be playing works Mozart and Chopin.

Rachel Burnett

16 year old pianist Ethan Mitchell from Glazebury, Warrington will play works by Scarlatti and one of his own compositions.

Justin Turnbull, a 21 year old pianist, from Parbold, studying at Bristol University, plays a programme themed around the French composer, Olivier Messiaen.

Twelve year old, Rachel Burnett, from Crosby, who represented Southport at the 2015 British and International Federation of Festivals of Music's North West Regional Championship performs songs by Schubert, Irish ballads and one from the musical Finian's Rainbow.

Angelina Dorlin-Barlow, also a singer from Southport and 2014 winner of Southport Young Musician of the Year, performs some classic songs for mezzo-soprano.

Forthcoming events include a performance by international concert pianist, Peter Donohoe on Saturday, May 7.

The June 2016 Midsummer Festival includes the Moscow International Chopin Piano Competition winner, Anna Fedorova, on Saturday, June 18 at 7.45 p.m.

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Please note, this production contains some instances of strong language.

The performances will be staged on three consecutive nights, May 5, 6 and 7 at Parbold WI.

Doors open at 7pm. and curtain up at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from DIY Centre, Parbold.

Parbold Douglas Drama Group is an amateur dramatic group, based in Parbold, performing two productions per year in local venues.

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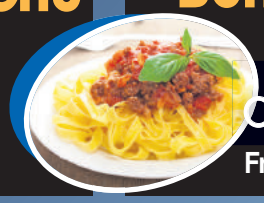

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COFFEE TABLE 3'6" wide -beech laminate, two drawer-£15 0792 9661948

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SOLID WOOD Chest 8 Drawers, H32" L42" W16" £30 0151 5266235

PINE CORNER Television Unit, with light doors £25 0151 5266235

MODERN PINE affect set of 3 draws, good condition, £15 07851 192684

WANTED Old, type credo spin drier (working order) 01704 537000

TEA/COFFEE POT 6 mugs and 6 cups/saucers, sugar bowl, milk jug £30 01704 509383

ROUND EXTENDING Mahogany table with 4 chairs, excellent condition £85 01695 558839

BEKO FRIDGE 32 x 21 x 21, good condition £25 07827 291420

LARGE ARMCHAIR with side wings, cream, damask, perfect condition £80 0151 5267709

SWIVEL CHAIR Metal, dark blue ideal for use with computer £10 07492 740424

DYSON DC14 Upright cleaner with tools, powerful suction, as new £55 07906610215

HOTPOINT CONDENSER Tumble dryer, silver grey collection after 6pm £120 0151 2891939

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FREEZER TABLE Top. Brand new 32litre, Russell Hobbs ONO £60 07719 447871

DOUBLE SOFA bed, 4 foot wide, approx 5.6 foot long, blue/grey cover £25 01704 895094

FRIDGE FREEZER White with drawers, capacity 85l £50 0151 5319317

PLANTATION 100% Wool rug, 5x3 stokers price £175, selling for £85 079594 604523

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ELECTRIC COOKER White, excellent condition £85 07913 591562

WORKTOP FRIDGE small freezer box inside, will deliver £50 07913591562

TABLE DINING Mahogany with central extending panel as new £50 01695312091

COFFEE TABLES nest of 3 coffee tables beech finish largest one 560x560 £45 01704380914

DINING TABLE dining table & 4chairs beech finish table size L200xW750 £65. 01704380914

BAGLESS UPRIGHT vacuum cleaner, very clean dyson dc07 £45 Southport 214498

DINING TABLE wood light colour with 6 chairs collect from Nether ton £50 07460848920

HOOVER CLEANER Bagless model ALYX. With attachments and instruction booklet. Working order. £8. 01695 423924

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IPHONE5C BLUE Good condtion, 8gb, Ee network. Collection from Southport. £120 07482010176

WANTED FREEZER Under counter freezer must be in good working condition and have at least 3 or 4 drawers. 07552933793

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TV UNIT Corner TV unit with glass display and corner shelves excellent condition £40 07751924207

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DINING TABLE and 4 chairs, white wood, red upholstered chairs, sides retract round table, excellent condition, clean £60 07807 824396

TRIPLE WARDROBE New York matching three drawer three drawer bedside cabinets, unopened, flat packs. £160. 07549844388

KITCHEN SINK Stainless steel, double bowl, 166cm x 50cm (451/2" x 191/2") New but bought in error. Cost £140. Accept £60ono 01695 421820

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DOUBLE BED Myers dreamworld complete with 4 drawers and chrome effect headboard hardly used as new condition £200 07751924207

DINING TABLE Regency style mahogany dining table and six chairs including two carvers beautiful condition. £200 01695 424439

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DINING TABLE AND 6 CHAIRS Regency style oval twin pedestal mahogany dining table and 6 matching chairs (2 are carvers) VGC. Table stores in 2 halves £65, may deliver 01704 560150

VINTAGE 2 DRAWER CHEST Medium oak veneer wood with drop handles. Size 30 inches W x 17.5 D x 28 H. Overall good condition £25 may deliver 01704 560150

DINING TABLE Extending teak oval dining table with 4 detachable legs. Good overall condition. Size not extended W 51 inches x D 36 £25 may deliver 01704 560150

FRIDGE FREEZER Russell Hobbs under counter fridge freezer red little used £75 also Russell Hobbs microwave as new £35 or both for £100 07725940315

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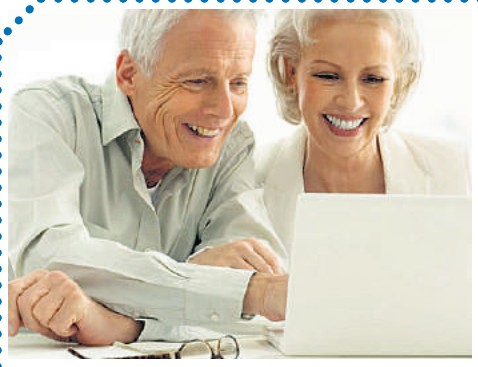

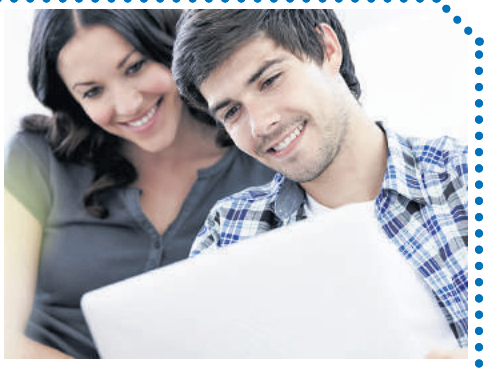

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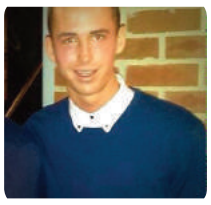

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love you all the world Charlotte xx

DEATHS

MANLEY ERIC

22nd April 2016
Formerly of Ormskirk, passed away peacefully on Isle of Wight aged 90

A Husband, Father and Grandfather. Funeral service at Isle of Wight cemetery at 3.45pm on 5th May. Family flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation, C/O R & P Everson Funeral Directors, The Broadway, Totland Bay, Isle of Wight, PO39 0AS. Tel: 01983 755733

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14th April 2016
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Aged 82 years

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From your loving sister Heather & brother in law Neil , nephew & niece Peter & Rebecca xxxxxx

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Wood Lane, Great Altcar from its junction with Rye Moss Lane to Delph Farm, in the Borough West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0800 hours and 1700 hours from Monday 16th May 2016 until Friday 20th May 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- B5195 Causeway Lane - B5195 Broad Lane - B5195 Lord Sefton Way - B5195 Altcar Road (Formby) - A565 Formby By Pass (Formby) - A565 Liverpool Road (Ainsdale) - A565 Liverpool Avenue (Ainsdale) - A565 Liverpool Road (Southport) - Halsall Road (Southport) - New Cut Lane (Southport) - New Cut Lane (Halsall) - Gregory Lane (Halsall) - A5147 Halsall Road (Halsall) - A5147 New Street (Halsall) - A5147 Mill Brow (Halsall) - A5147 Southport Road (Downholland) - A5147 Wanisher Lane - A5147 Delf Lane (Downholland) - A5147 Mairscough Lane (Downholland) - B5195 Altcar Lane - B5195 Flatmans Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to provide a safe environment for the completion of surface dressing works.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/2237/WH]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Jason Francis Hamblett trading as Bay Logistics Ltd of 14 Heysham Mossgate Road, Heysham, Morecambe LA3 2JT is applying to change an existing Licence as follows to keep an extra 1 Goods Vehicles and 2 Trailers at Unit 4 Holland Moss Business Park, Pimbo Road, West Pimbo Ind Estate, Skelmersdale WN8 9PA.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Knowsley Contractors Ltd trading as King Construction of 18 Goodlass Road, Speke, Liverpool, L24 9HJ is applying to change an existing licence as follows:

To keep an extra 8 goods vehicles and 1 trailer at the operating centre at 18 Goodlass Road, Speke, Liverpool, L24 9HJ.

To add an operating centre to keep 10 goods vehicles and 0 trailers at 1 Prestwood Place, East Pimbo, Skelmersdale, Lancashire, WN8 9QE.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEP Drainage Surveys Ltd is applying for a licence to use Unit 6 Holland Business Park Spar Lane Lathom L40 6LN as an operating centre for 3 goods vehicles.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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(B5240 LYELAKE LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of B5240 Lyelake Lane, Lathom from its junction with the A577 Dickets Lane to its junction with B5132 Skelmersdale Road.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1800 hours from Friday 6th May 2016 until Friday 3rd June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: A577 Dickets Lane – A577 Blaguegate Lane – A577 Ormskirk Road – B5312 Railway Road – B5312 Liverpool Road - A570 Knowsley Road – A570 St Helens Road – B5132 Skelmersdale Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/2481/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(APPLEY LANE NORTH, APPLEY BRIDGE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge from its junction with Hall Lane to its junction with Grove Road.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Saturday 7th May 2016 until Sunday 12th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: A577 Grove Road - A577 Parliament Street - A577 School Lane - A577 Orrell Road - B5206 Gathurst Road - B5206 Gathurst Lane - B5206 Broad Lane - B5206 Shevington Lane - A5209 Crow Orchard Road - A5209 Hall Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2480/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5197 PRESCOT ROAD, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of B5197 Prescot Road, Aughton from its junction with Town Green Lane to the boundary with the Borough of Sefton.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Thursday 5th May 2016 until Friday 3rd June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:
South to North:
Prescot Road (B5197) - Cunscough Lane (A506) - Liverpool Road (A506) - Ormskirk Road (A570) - St Helens Road (A570) - Park Road (A570) - Aughton Street (B5197) - Prescot Road B5197.
South to North:
Prescot Road (B5197) - Aughton Street (B5197) - Park Road (A570) - Church Street (A570) - Derby Street West (A570) - Derby Street (A570) - Stanley Street (A570) - Knowsley Road (A570) - St. Helens Road (A570) - Ormskirk Road (A570) - Liverpool Road (A506) - Cunscough Lane (A506) - Prescot Road (B5197).

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2485/WH]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/0331/FUL Demolition of part of existing building and park home and erection of a single detached bungalow at Land Adjacent To , 7 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

Application No: 2016/0424/FUL Extension of existing forecourt shop at BP Connect, Crow Orchard Service Station, Crow Orchard Road, Wrightington.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

Application No: 2016/0434/COU Change of use of existing self contained unit from office, storage and distribution to gym at 4 Osprey Place, Guys Industrial Estate North, Burscough.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0351/FUL New front doorway to existing flat at 66 School Lane, Up Holland.

Application No: 2016/0407/FUL The installation of a 12m high monopole mast with attached antenna and GPS unit (overall height 14.8m), an equipment cabinet and electric meter cabinet at Telephone Exchange, Liverpool Road, Rufford.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration
Dated: 27th April 2016
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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5250 MOSSY LEA ROAD, WRIGHTINGTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of B5250 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington from its junction with Boundary Lane to its junction with B5250 Wood Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0800 hours and 1700 hours from Tuesday 10th May 2016 until Friday 10th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: B5250 Wood Lane – Park Hall Road – Mill Lane – A49 Preston Road – A5209 School Lane – A5209 Almond Brook Road – A5209 Crow Orchard Road and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2549/WH]

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge from its junction with Hall Lane to its junction with Grove Road.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Saturday 7th May 2016 until Sunday 12th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: A577 Grove Road – A577 Parliament Street – A577 School Lane – A577 Orrell Road – B5206 Gathurst Road – B5206 Gathurst Lane – B5206 Broad Lane – B5206 Shevington Lane – A5209 Crow Orchard Road – A5209 Hall Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
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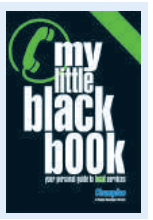

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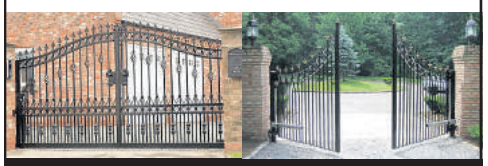

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Another two zeros, if it's a really low mileage minter and recent auction prices are anything to go by.

Yet that £350 price – what you might pay for a weekend away on the continent or a half-decent garden shed, don't forget – is where the Hyundai Coupe all too often resides these days. At the time of writing there's a chap up the road from me flogging his for that sort of money, and it's tricky not to get tempted.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not for a second suggesting a slightly exhausted Hyundai is going to get the same sort of cult following that's driven Capri prices up to the point where they cost the same as a new 3-Series sometime in the early 2030s. But I do reckon it's one of the two-door contenders to watch out for, because I can't think of a stronger claim for the case of being Korea's first card carrying classic.

Think about what else Korea was offering us snobbish Brits when the first-generation Coupe landed here in 1996. The Kia Pride, for instance, or the Daewoo Espero. Miserable motors with all the charisma of an industrial park in Derby, and while they were cheap and reliable they did absolutely nothing to stir the soul. Even the outgoing Scoupe didn't exactly give the likes of Fiat's Coupé and the Vauxhall Tigra sleepless nights.

Yet out of nowhere there was this swoopy two-door with snazzy alloy wheels and Coke bottle curves tempting us onto Hyundai's forecourts.

There was even a rally version, and Hyundai capitalised on its two-doors appearances in the Formula 2 class of the World Rally Championship with its F2 and F2 Evolution models in the late 1990s. And yes, I know Hyundai might have dropped the ball a bit at the turn of the millennium with one of the most cack-handed facelifts ever devised, but it picked it right up again when it brought out a second-generation model which managed to shrink everything that was right about the Ferrari 456GT.

Neither model had anything like the Capri's cult following – in which case I'll point you in the direction of Ford's Puma, which is equally bargain basement right now – but it's hard to deny the Hyundai Coupe was a great car.

It might be a bargain now but the Hyundai Coupe has definite classic potential

You might laugh now, but I honestly reckon this is as cheap as Korea's first genuine classic is ever going to get.

David Simister is features editor of Classic Car Weekly

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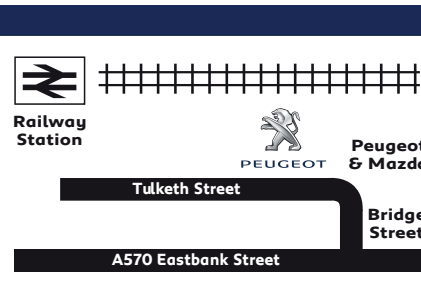

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Lookers Price	£7,999	Total Charge for Credit	£1,211.25
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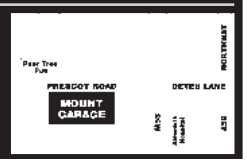

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Shock defeat for Ormskirk in opener but Burscough win

ORMSKIRK suffered a shock defeat in their opening 2016 Liverpool & District Cricket Competition league campaign going down by six at home to Wallasey, Opener Michael Jones carried his bat with a magnificent 125 and John Armstrong hit 88 as the hosts declared on 243-3. But in reply, Tom Russ hit a century (111), Martin Williams (50) and Alex Eagles 57 not out as the visitors reached 244-4 to seal victory.

Northern opened up with a 52 run win at Colwyn Bay, while Firwood Bootle began enjoyed a decisive win over Birkenhead Park at Wadham Road after opener Michael Jones carried his bat with a magnificent 125.

In the First Division newly promoted Burscough opened up with 3 wicket win at Newton le Willows, where Navdeep Aujla took 5-33 and Jon Stone 4-21 as the hosts were bowled out for 106 with Liam Jenkins (33) top scoring. In reply, Michael Bimpson (40) and Stone (43) helped propelled Burscough to victory on 107-7 with Furqan Shafiq taking 3-30.

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Linnets keep on scoring to set them up for play-offs

Burscough 3
Scarborough Athletic 0

BURSCOUGH prepared for their crunch play-off semi-final in the perfect manner by ending their league campaign with three points.

The Linnets were due to travel to Spennymoor Town last night (Tuesday) in the hope of reaching the play-off final and gaining promotion.

But before this, they had to beat Scarborough in the final game of an impressive campaign for the side which saw them finish in fifth on 80 points.

Last Saturday's comfortable 3-0 win was the team's 25th of the season and extends their unbeaten run to nine games.

Burscough went ahead through a Liam Caddick strike before the lead was doubled thanks to Monaghan. They wrapped up the three points when Caddick grabbed his second of the game.

The win meant they finished in fifth place and as a result, were drawn against second placed Spennymoor in the play-off semi-final. Burscough have a mixed record this season against Spennymoor, having beaten them in the cup but lost twice in the league.

They are certainly the toughest of the four play-off teams in contention for promotion, with the winners set to play the winners of the other semi-final tie between Glossop North End and Northwich Victoria.

Caddick opens the scoring for Burscough

Skem end season with a point

Whitby Town 1
Skelmersdale 1

SKELMERSDALE fans who made the long journey to North Yorkshire were treated to an entertaining draw in the side's final game of the season.

However, they again conceded a late goal after holding the upper hand for much of the match, leaving manager Tommy Lawson with a feeling of frustration.

Chris Almond went close on 36 minutes, then Bailey found Max Hazeldine with a lovely pass but the youngster's first touch let him down.

The pressure was building as Skelmersdale's passing game forced Whitby onto the back foot.

Two minutes from half-time Skelmersdale struck after a mesmerising build-up involving Bailey and Bakkor put Woolcott into space on the right, his precise cross found Hazeldine who side-footed home from 10 yards with a first time connection.

The striker almost doubled his and Skelmersdale's tally two minutes into the second-half, Tony Rendell headed on a right-wing corner and Hazeldine headed over the crossbar at the far post when maybe he might have scored.

There were loud appeals for a Skelmersdale penalty on 53 minutes when Almond's shot was blocked, but referee Shane Sugden who spent the afternoon infuriating both team's players and supporters turned them down.

The goal frame came to Whitby's rescue again on 63 minutes as a Corrigan free-kick crashed against the bar, and then only a superb tackle by Jamie Poole kept out Almond after Hazeldine set him up.

Yorkshire is Frank Worthington's homeland and a bit of skill by Whitby substitute Mikey Roberts almost produced the goal of the season on 73 minutes in a manner he made famous.

After lifting the bouncing ball twice over Skelmersdale defenders, he found his volley saved by Fearon.

However, on 87 minutes Whitby levelled via a tremendous free-kick, but that was not without some controversy.

Mr Sugden awarded Whitby a free-kick around 35 yards from goal then decided he needed to yellow card Waters for a previous incident.

During the caution, the ball appeared to be moved forward and then Hopson smashed home the dead-ball kick low into the corner from about 25 yards.

Absolute credit to Hopson who you cannot blame for getting away with advancing the ball forward if the referee lets him get away with it.

The Skelmersdale supporters that didn't travel missed out on a good game, Tommy Lawson commented after the match; "The lads did well and we played some lovely football, we were on top for most of the game, but again I am left frustrated by a referee's performance."

Skelmersdale on the attack

Clinical finishing and luck win it for Richmond

Burscough Richmond 3
Hawcote Park 1

CLINICAL finishing by the home side for the first two goals and an element of luck for the third goal gave Richmond an excellent win which was thoroughly deserved.

With a fairly strong breeze helping the home side, the hosts went straight onto the attack.

It took three minutes for Richmond to open the scoring, a superb cut back from striker Pete Armitage near the dead ball line found Mike Galliers who struck and found the net.

The lead was doubled when Danny Barrie galloped into the area and slammed the ball past the despairing keeper with a text book finish.

They say it only takes a minute to score a goal, well after the second half had started it took even less than than that.

Barrie passed the ball to Mike Galliers from the kick off, who in turn punted the ball as far as he could into the opposition half.

A defensive mix-up allowed Jimmy Hanson to run in, steal the ball, then drive his shot into the back of the net to make it three.

Hawcote pulled one back on 75 minutes but it proved to be a consolation goal.

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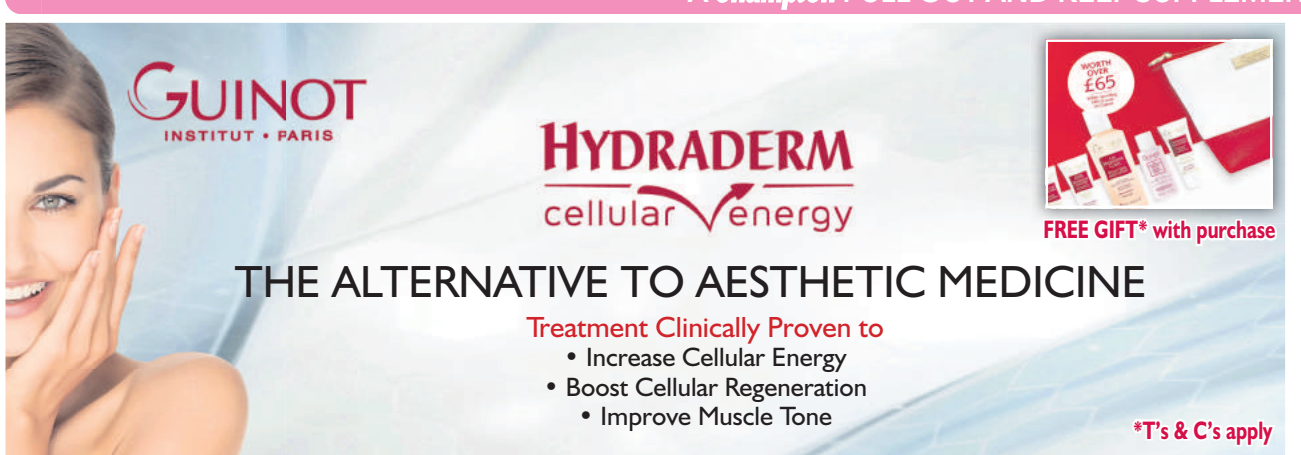

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Visit as many as you can, going to fayres held in several different venues gives you the chance to look at different locations and speak to a number of different people.

The Budget

Your wedding day is all about you two and what you want, not the wedding everyone expects you to have. Try to avoid starting married life off in debt because you are paying off your wedding - being married matters more than getting married.

Once you have worked out your budget, decide what you both consider as essential and list those first. Then move onto the things that you would like but could do without. Next list the things that you consider a luxury. Once completed, add the total cost of the essential list. If you haven't gone over your budget you can then select items from your remaining two lists.

Don't forget that small sacrifices can really help boost your wedding budget. If your big day is a year away from now, cut out something that you buy every day. Maybe that coffee each morning on your way into work, the extra £2 you spend at lunch on crisps and a can of Coke. Over the year you would be surprised how much you can save.

Also - get selling your unwanted items. Now is the ideal time to have that sort out and get rid of all those things you no longer need as you enter in to the next stage of your life. Online auction sites like eBay, classified advertisements and car boot sales are all great tools for selling your unwanted items and generating funds for your wedding. Do you really need all those CDs, DVDs and books?

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Wedding Attire

Do you have a vision of how you want to look on the day? If not, start by eliminating the looks that you are not drawn to and by a process of elimination find the style you are looking for. If you don't like big princessy-style dresses or huge trains, then don't feel like you have to try any out. Think of you in the dress and don't go down the route of "It'll be fine once I lose a couple of stone." Your nearly-husband loves you as you are and setting yourself silly weight targets won't help the relationship or you.

Once you have decided how formal your wedding will be, look through bridal publications and cut out pictures of the gowns you like for your very own mood board. Check out wedding gown sites online as well and find bridal gown stockists you want to visit.

It usually takes two or three fittings to adjust a gown but feel free to ask for more if you think they are needed. The first appointment generally occurs about two to four months before the wedding, at which time you need to have your undergarments, shoes, and accessories.

You may also want to get your hair done in the style you will wear – as if, for example, you fancy an elegant chignon up-do on the day, there is no point in having your hair down for all the fittings as it will look strange to you when it is different on the big day.

Ask yourself some questions; Can you lift your arms easily? Do the straps stay up? Do any seams pucker? The last fitting usually takes place a week or two before the event.

White has long been the colour traditionally associated with the wedding gown but modern brides can wear a dress of almost any colour without offending, from cream and pinks to really bright colours such as blue or red.

The style however is another matter, there are such a variety of designs and styles out there and this is a once in a lifetime occasion. Be prepared to try on as many styles as possible to see what is right for you.

TOP TIPS

- Check if there are any dress codes where you are having your ceremony, especially if it is a religious one.
- At the fittings, remember to wear similar underwear to what you will be wearing on the day to ensure there will be no lines showing.
- Think about how you will wear you hair and will you be wearing a head dress or veil.
- Hiring your wedding outfits makes good economic sense. It also enables you to wear the latest creations, some straight off the catwalk and at far less than the cost to buy.
- If you bought new shoes for the big day, be sure to break them in ahead of time – or you could face having very sore feet and trouble dancing come the evening.
- When getting ready on the day, brides often wear T-shirts that have to be pulled over their freshly made-up face and hair. Wear a shirt, it can be unbuttoned without doing any damage.
- When choosing any wedding outfit, consider comfort as well. You may be wearing this outfit only once but it will be on for quite a while. You don't want to be wincing on your lovely pics!
- The bride should have the ultimate decision about what the bridesmaids will wear, especially the style and colour. The dress should be less elaborate than the bride's.
- Consider the dress lengths to complement ages. For younger bridesmaids a full length dress is easily tripped over.
- Whatever style of outfit chosen by the groom, he must consider the bride's style of dress, colour scheme and any overall theme of the wedding.
- Many grooms will hire their whole outfit from a specialist men's outfitter who can match every item down to the shoes. When several of the men in the wedding party need outfits many shops offer discounts for group bookings. Any outfit that has been hired must be tried on and available in good time. You really don't want to be running for a missing jacket or have to wear a pair of trousers three times too big because you or the store left it too late.

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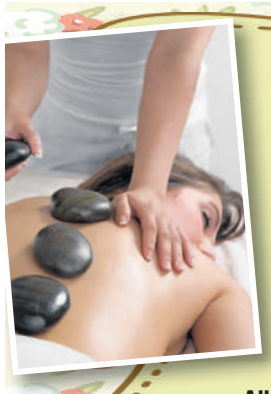

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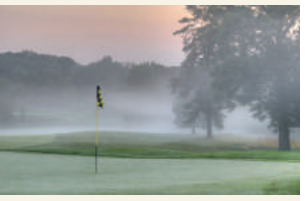

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Hotels are often the most convenient venues because they have all the amenities necessary to cater for large groups of people with fixed price food and drink packages, plus any supplementary services such as flowers, toastmasters, complimentary rooms for the bride and groom available in one neat package. Before making any decisions, treat yourself and your partner to a meal at the venue to assess the standard of cooking, service and if you enjoy time spent there.

If you plan to hold the reception at home or in a village hall, the services of the professional caterer may be an option for you. Always check what is included in the price. Some quote separately for food, then additionally for equipment such as table linen, cutlery, disposable items and service.

Ask if they are licenced for the sale of alcohol, if you would like the option of drinking alcohol, or ask if you need to arrange a licence.

Both partners should be involved in choosing the venue, so ask yourselves... what are each others interests? If it's music - then organise a band or DJ. If it's food, then research caterers. After all, the wedding is for two people.

Trying to consider every musical taste is impossible. The main thing to remember is to cater for the mood, this is a happy family occasion where the majority of guests will appreciate music that they recognise and can understand. Aim to keep it balanced, you are unlikely to offend anyone by sticking with pop music from the last decade or more.

There are companies who provide a range of music for the entire day, from the soloist singing in church to classical duos, trios and quartets – plus local hotels and venues may be able to help. (www.weddingmusic.co.uk)

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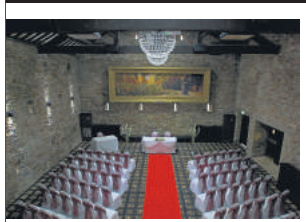

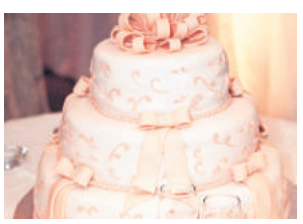

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Invitations

Traditionally the Bride's parents send the invitations as they are the hosts but it is totally acceptable for the couple to send them in their own names especially if they are sharing the costs.

When ordering from a printer, allow at least ten weeks before the wedding.

Order extra as you can invite others when reply cards are received from those unable to attend.

The style of invitation is an opportunity to dictate any dress code and propriety.

Make it clear if guests are invited to attend the ceremony, reception or evening party.

It is also an opportunity to showcase the wedding colours so that the guests will not clash with the bridesmaids and flowers. For example, the invitations could be edged with yellow ribbon if that is the wedding's colour theme, or could feature the motif design on the front in yellow.

Photography

We all know the traditional must-have shots, the different family combinations and the usual reception moments. How about adding some fun to your wedding album!

While photography is booked as one of the later stages, the photographs taken on most people's wedding day will be on display for the rest of their lives and are therefore one of the most vital parts of the planning process to get right.

When you have set a date and venue you need to make enquiries about photographers. Make a point of asking to see samples of their work. Consider whether the photographer's work shows variety or does each sample look the same, look closely at the people in the pictures to see if they look natural, enjoying themselves and look at ease.

Think about the photographer themselves, do they seem approachable and will they be adept at stage managing you and your guests.

Agree the size of photographs, how many you will receive and charges if you want to order reprints for family or friends. Choose the album that you will receive in your package and establish how long after the wedding you will receive proofs.

Also, check if they will be filming or taking photographs or a mixture of the two.

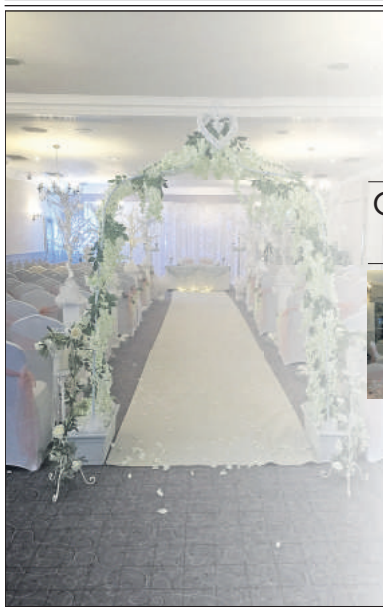
Transport

Arranging transport that you will use is a big part of the organisation of your wedding. The choice of vehicles and other modes of transport is vast. Specialist wedding car hire companies have something to suit most budgets.

Think about who really needs transport - the bride and her father will leave for the ceremony usually using the same transport that will, after the ceremony, take the bride and groom to the reception.

The groom and best man will require transport, as well as the the bridesmaids and bride's mother, who usually go from the bride's home. Whatever mode of transport you decide to use it may be an idea to have a few practice journeys from home to the ceremony, then to the reception.

Do this on the same day of the week and at the same time of your wedding. Allow extra time depending on the mode of transport you have decided on, for example, horse and carriage. Allow for time to take photographs when leaving home and arriving at the ceremony.



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The Flowers

The most important flowers are the bride's bouquet. There are no right or wrong choices when selecting flowers for your wedding. It is down to your own personal choice as well as having a basic understanding of what works well for the theme you've chosen and your budget. Before you begin spending, decide how important wedding flowers are to you. If serving the best food and drink is key, look to spend less on flowers. If however you want to create a beautiful reception space you'll need to allocate more. They should also complement the wedding dress and be light enough to carry.

Choose a florist who is happy to work to your budget. You may have to compromise on the specific flowers or type of arrangements you want in order to keep costs realistic but a good florist will be able to suggest many ideas that will look just as stunning.

Ask for seasonal, locally grown flowers which cost less than more exotic varieties. A few large blooms surrounded by lots of greenery can look striking, so consider using less flowers and more foliage. If you've got your heart set on an expensive flower use it sparingly, maybe just in your bouquet.

Colour will be an important part of your decision about which flowers to have. The colour should complement the bridal gown, the wedding theme, and the clothing of the rest of the bridal party. Think about what the flowers will have to contend with in the chosen venue.

Some of the more popular flowers by color choice include:

White: rose, sweet pea, camellia, narcissus, gardenia, orchid, lily of the valley, jasmine, and snowdrop.

Pink: rose, peony, sweet pea, carnation, tulip, boronia, and lily.

Lavender: lavender, lilac, anemone, iris, delphinium, and hydrangea.

Yellow: daffodil, sunflower, tulip, gerbera, lily, and freesia.

Red: gerbera, rose, dahlia, poinsettia, and amaryllis

Using accessories to embellish a bouquet also works well. Pearls and crystals can be incorporated into bouquets for a touch of added glamour. For a more delicate touch a sheer organza ribbon can be used to create ribbon bows and long streamers or a wide satin ribbon will give a rich, luxurious look.

You may like to consider smaller posies for the bridesmaids. The mothers of the bride and groom usually wear a corsage and they are usually matched with the colour of their outfits. The men in the bridal party will usually wear a buttonhole, sometimes a carnation or rose with a sprig of fern.

For table centrepieces you don't have to use masses of flowers. Try floating two or three large flower heads inside a glass bowl with a few floating candles.

The Cake

The wedding cake was originally lots of little wheat cakes that were broken over the bride's head for good luck and fertility and in Elizabethan times, small spiced cakes were given to wedding guests to toss over the bride's head. Some wedding traditions are great to keep up but thankfully today these traditions are seldom adhered to.

Visit your local bakery's website to view images of their work. If the photos aren't up to date, the chances are their work isn't either. You should then visit the bakery in person and meet with the staff. It's important to walk out of the bakery with an image of the cake, either drawn or via computer image. If you don't feel comfortable with the bakery staff, you won't be happy with your cake. Three to six months is usually enough time to plan the cake. Most bakeries have their cakes organised and worked out weeks in advance. Special ingredients and decorations sometimes need to be ordered and in some cases, created from scratch, which can take extra time.

When deciding on your cake think of as much information as possible; theme of the wedding, colour of your dress, bridesmaid dress and inspiration from the room and flowers. It will make your choice easier.

Wedding cake doesn't have to be a fruit or sponge cake. Why not go for chocolate, red velvet or carrot cake or even mix the layers? Make sure you taste them though, it must taste as good as it looks.

Before confirming your order, find out who will deliver your cake on the day and more importantly who will set it up, you or them. A lot of people forget about this and on the day somebody may want to help out and it can all end up in a heap on the floor!

Why not save money and let your guests enjoy your delicious cake by serving it as a dessert, instead of waiting until later when everybody is partying or forgets to take it home.

Think about ordering a novelty wedding cake. They can be fun, unusual and quirky but remember, you will have to look at those pictures for the rest of your life.

Good on you if you make your own wedding cake but remember the magic word is practice, practice, and practice even more to avoid any stress and disappointment.

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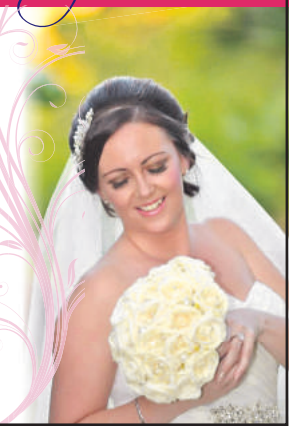

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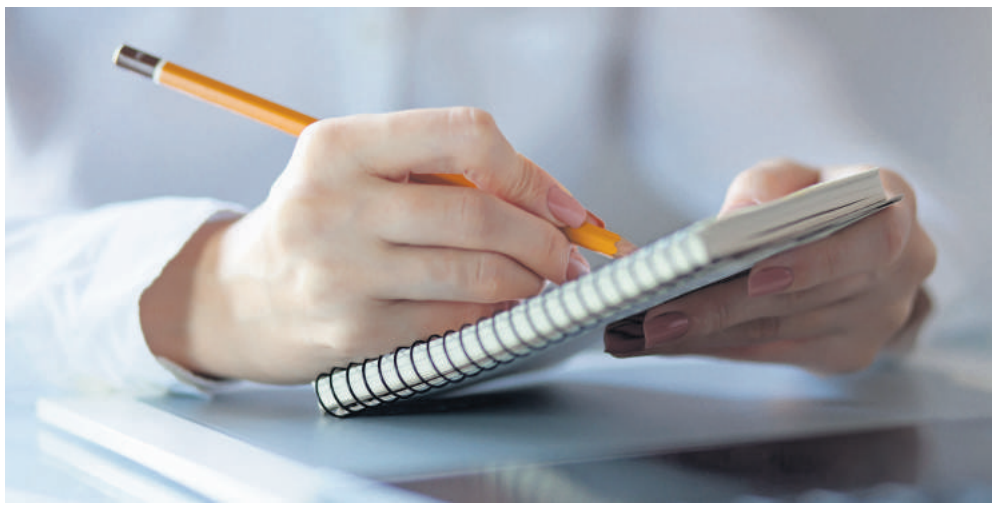

12 MONTHS PRIOR
- See the minister, priest, rabbi or registrar to book the ceremony
- Discuss and work out your budget
- Compile the guest list
- Book the reception venue and caterers
- Arrange musicians or entertainers
- Visit photographers/videographers and transport companies and make booking
- Choose the best man and other attendants

9-6 MONTHS PRIOR
- Choose your wedding stationery
- Start to look for the wedding gown and accessories
- Order the wedding cake
- Arrange favours for guests
- Apply for your new passport if changing your name and if required for your honeymoon
- Arrange hiring or buying outfits for the attendants
- Book the florist

4-3 MONTHS PRIOR
- Confirm all the arrangments for the ceremony and reading of the banns
- Send invitations
- Choose wedding rings
- Book hair and beauty appointments

6 WEEKS PRIOR
- Chase late replies to invitations
- Confirm menu and numbers with the caterer
- Write out place cards and plan seating
- Finalise all flower arrangEments with the florist
- Confirm details with transport company, photographer and videographer
- Confirm music and hymns
- Check rules on throwing confetti and inform best man and chief bridesmaid to inform guests
- Start wearing wedding shoes around the house

14-7 DAYS PRIOR
- Have final fitting of dress
- Confirm hair and beauty appointments
- Have a final rehearsal of ceremony and give order of service sheets to minister
- Run through, with the best man, bridesmaids and ushers, what is required of them
- Confirm all pick-ups for any hire wear

THE DAY BEFORE ...
- Get a good night's sleep, you really are going to need it!

Roles & Responsibilities

There are many responsibilities associated with each role that your attendants and family can play. Here is a brief outline to follow for those involved in the wedding party. These duties are based on tradition and can obviously be tailored to your needs and preferences. Some people prefer to not even have attendants, and that is totally fine!

BEST MAN
- Organises the stag evening
- Arranges transport for bridegroom, himself and families of the couple if required
- Responsible for the rings and pass to the groom at the ceremony
- Escorts the chief bridesmaid to sign the register
- Directs ushers and photographer
- Follows the bridegroom's speech and reads any telegrams and cards

CHIEF BRIDESMAID
- Helps in choosing the bridal dress and bridesmaids outfits
- Arranges the hen party
- Attends to the bride on the wedding day
- Holds the bride's bouquet during the ceremony
- Attends the signing of the register.

USHERS
- Hands out the Order of Service and buttonholes to guests and directs them to their seats in church
- Escorts the mother of the bride to her seat
- Deals with any latecomers.
- Assists the best man with transport for guests

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